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Committee on Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures

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NOTIFICATION

1. Member to Agreement notifying: <u>SOUTH AFRICA</u> If applicable, name of local government involved:
2. Agency responsible: Department of Agriculture (South African National Plant Protection Organization), Pretoria
3. Products covered (provide tariff item number(s) as specified in national schedules deposited with the WTO; ICS numbers should be provided in addition, where applicable): Wood packaging material used in supporting, protecting or carrying a commodity such as cases, crating, dunnage, drums, load boards, packing blocks, pallets, pallet collars and skids excluding plywood, particle board, oriented strand board and veneer.
4. Regions or countries likely to be affected, to the extent relevant or practicable: Any country exporting wood packaging to South Africa.
5. Title, language and number of pages of the notified document: Importation of Controlled Goods without a permit (available in English, 2 pages).
6. Description of content: All wood packaging material entering South Africa shall comply with the requirements of the International Standards for Phytosanitary Measures, <i>Guidelines for Regulating Wood Packaging Material in International Trade</i> (ISPM No. 15).
7. Objective and rationale: <input type="checkbox"/> food safety, <input type="checkbox"/> animal health, <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> plant protection, <input type="checkbox"/> protect humans from animal/plant pest or disease, <input type="checkbox"/> protect territory from other damage from pests
8. International standard, guideline or recommendation: <input type="checkbox"/> Codex Alimentarius Commission, <input type="checkbox"/> World Organization for Animal Health (OIE), <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> International Plant Protection Convention, <input type="checkbox"/> None If an international standard, guideline or recommendation exists, give the appropriate reference and briefly identify deviations: This regulatory amendment is consistent with ISPM no.15 of the International Plant Protection Convention of the Food and Agricultural Organisation of the United Nations, particularly the International Standard for Phytosanitary Measures No. 15 – "Guidelines for Regulating Wood Packaging Material in International Trade".
9. Relevant documents and language(s) in which these are available: Government Gazette No. 276 dated 5 March 2004, available in English.
10. Proposed date of adoption: 1 November 2004

11. Proposed date of entry into force: 1 January 2005
12. Final date for comments: 30 July 2004 Agency or authority designated to handle comments: <input type="checkbox"/> National notification authority, <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> National enquiry point, or address, fax number and E-mail address (if available) of other body:
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