



International Regulation of Wood Packaging Materials

Common applications for wood products are packaging and shipping materials. Pests however may infest raw wood that has not undergone sufficient processing or treatment. To prevent the international spread of pests from wood and wood products, the Commission of Phytosanitary Measures (CPM) organization has adopted the International Standards for Phytosanitary Measures (ISPM's). The International Standards for Phytosanitary Measures Publication No. 15 (ISPM-15), *Guidelines for Regulating Wood Packaging Material in International Trade*, establishes guidelines for regulating wood packaging used for items such as pallets, crating, packing blocks, cases, load boards, dunnage and skids.

Section 2 of ISPM-15 exempts certain wood packaging material types that have been deemed sufficiently low risk for pest contamination due to their manufacturing process. Wood packaging made wholly of processed wood material, such as plywood, particle board, oriented strand board (OSB) or veneer that have been created using glue, heat or pressure, or a combination thereof should be considered sufficiently processed to have eliminated the pest infestation risks associated with raw wood.

The following Louisiana-Pacific[®] (LP) wood products are all manufactured using adhesives, heat and pressure:

- SolidStart LSL, LVL and Rim Board
- LP OSB sheathing, TopNotch[®] and SuperStruct[®] panels
- LP SmartSide[®]
- LP plywood panels

Therefore, these LP products are exempt from phytosanitary regulation and certification, when used as packaging and/or shipping materials.

The ISPM-15 exemptions do not, however, supersede any endorsed document requirements by the United States Department of Agriculture (USDS) for export shipments of U.S. origin or Canadian Food Inspection Agency (CFIA) for export shipments of Canadian origin.

If you have any questions regarding this document, please contact your LP representative for more information.

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California Prop 65 Warning: Use of this product may result in exposure to wood dust, known to the State of California to cause cancer.
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