## **SURINAME**

## SURINAME'S REQUIREMENTS FOR WOOD PACKING MATERIALS

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Short description:	Potential pests may already be present in or on host material at the time of harvest, of they may colonize after harvest. Many species of bark beetles and wood borers are particularly attracted to recently cut wood. In some countries of origin, wood packaging material (especially single use materials) are more likely to be constructed out of infested materials because of its general unsuitability for other uses.	
	ISPM 15 approved treatment measures have been adopted by Suriname and incorporated into Quarantine requirements for the importation of wood packaging materials into Suriname. The Plant Quarantine Division revised the import regulations for Wood Packing Material to be consistent with the International Plant Protection Convention standard ISPM #15. The regulation restricts the importation of many types of wooden packaging materials such as pallets, crating, packaging, boxes, dunnage, blocks, cable drums, bulk heads, load boards, pallet collars and skids through to round log sections and whole round logs used to prevent the movement of larger cargo items (IPPC 2002).	
	The revised ISPM #15 regulation is effective <b>March</b> , <b>2009</b> .  Wood Packing material (WPM) must be marked with the IPPC logo and the two letter ISO code for the country that treated the WPM. The marking must also include the unique number assigned by the national plant protection organization to the company responsible for ensuring the WPM is de-barked, was properly treated, and either the abbreviation HT (heat treatment) or MB (methyl bromide).  WPM not in compliance with the above requirements must be destroyed or	
	reexported. Treatment or destruction will not be permitted.	
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