## Certification ISPM 15 for Export

### Barossa Enterprises has an ISPM - 15 Certification for Export.

ISPM 15 was developed to address the global spread of timber pests by regulating the movement of timber packing and dunnage used in international trade. ISPM 15 describes phytosanitary measures that are designed to reduce the risk of the introduction and/or spread of quarantine pests associated with timber packaging material.

ISPM 15 is the International Standards for Phytosanitary Measures No. 15—Regulation of wood packaging material in international trade. It represents the first international commodity based standard and sets out criteria for regulating wood packaging material used in international trade.

#### How does it work?

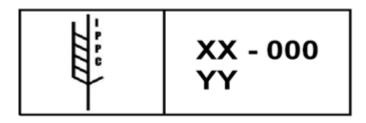
Wood packaging that has been either heat treated or fumigated with methyl bromide to the specification given in ISPM 15 and bears the internationally recognised certification mark. Only certified treatment providers and/or wood packaging manufacturers can apply the internationally recognised certification mark. Barossa Enterprises is registered on the AWPC register.

• AWPCS register—List of certified treatment providers and wood packaging manufacturers

#### What will appear on my product?

Wood packaging material bearing the stamp or mark below is certified as being ISPM 15 compliant. It may be stamped or branded to the wood packaging material.

ISPM 15 mark



An ISPM 15 internationally recognised certification mark must include the following:

- IPPC certification symbol this is a registered trade mark and fraudulent use is a breach of the Trade Practices Act 1974.
- XX: represents the two letter ISO country code (AU for Australia).
- 000: represents the unique certification number issued by AQIS to the treatment provider or wood packaging manufacturer. Inclusion of this certification number ensures that the wood packaging material can be traced back to the treatment provider and/or manufacturer.
- YY: is the treatment abbreviation where:
  - HT: is the code for heat treatment using conventional steam or dry kiln heat chamber to a minimum of 56° C for a minimum of 30 minutes
  - $\circ$  **MB**: is the code for methyl bromide fumigation
  - o **DH**: is the code for heat treatment using dielectric heat



# What happens if wood packaging material that does not meet the requirements of ISPM 15 is exported?

If wood packaging material is exported to countries that have implemented ISPM 15 and it is not marked appropriately or it shows signs of infestation, then the importing country may order the wood packaging material to be treated or disposed of, or the consignment may be refused entry. **Note**: Some countries do require documentation confirming that the wood packaging used in a consignment is ISPM 15 compliant. Documentation may include packing declarations, packing lists or invoices. Treatment certificates are not required and it is the responsibility of the exporter to provide this documentation.

#### Can I re-export pallets that have been stamped with the ISPM 15 mark?

All wood packaging that bears an ISPM 15 compliant certification mark that originates from Australia or another country may be re-exported, provided no alterations are made to the wood packaging.

You can find more information on the <u>Australian Wood Packaging Certification Scheme (AWPCS) for export web page</u>