SUBJECT: Port Information Notice- Reminder of Wood Packaging Material Requirements

DISTRIBUTION: Calexico Trade Community

The purpose of this notice is to inform and remind the trade community of the required treatment and compliance of wood packaging material (WPM) in accordance with the International Standards for Phytosanitary Measures in international trade. WPM is wood, or wood products (excluding paper products) used in supporting, protecting, or carrying a commodity.
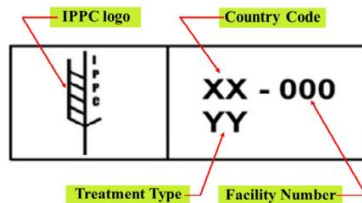
Examples of WPM:

- Bins
- Cable spools
- Dunnage
- Pallet collars
- Boxes
- Cases
- Load boards
- Skids
- Bracing
- Crates
- Pallets

WPM **does not** include:

- WPM made entirely from thin wood 6 mm or less in thickness
- WPM made wholly of processed wood material, such as:
    - Plywood
    - Sawdust
    - Wood wool
    - Particle board
    - Wood shaving
    - oriented strand board or veneer that has been created using glue, heat or pressure, or a combination thereof

Compliant WPM:

- Valid IPPC logo

- No presence or indication of WPM pests

We appreciate your assistance in disseminating this information to your clients. If you have any further questions, please feel free to contact the CBP Agriculture staff at (760) 768-2560 or email AQICalexicoCargo@cbp.dhs.gov.

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