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DRAFT CONDITIONS FOR ACTIONS TO BE TAKEN IN JAMAICA WITH THE IMPORTATION OF WOOD PACKAGING MATERIAL (WPM) THAT IS NOT IN COMPLIANCE WITH THE INTERNATIONAL STANDARD FOR PHYTOSANITARY MEASURES (ISPM15) IN INTERNATIONAL TRADE

All WPM, such as pallets, crates, boxes and pieces of wood used to support or brace cargo, must meet import requirements and be free of timber pests before entering Jamaica.

All WPM entering Jamaica must be either heat treated or fumigated with methyl bromide as outlined in the *International Standards for Phytosanitary Measures: Guidelines for Regulating Wood Packaging Material in International Trade* (ISPM 15). The WPM must also be marked with an approved international logo, certifying it has been appropriately treated.

¹Non Compliance

The Plant Quarantine Branch will require the immediate reexportation of any shipment consisting wholly of unmarked WPM, that is not in compliance with the ISPM 15 treatment and marking standard. The Plant Quarantine Branch will also require the immediate reexportation of any marked WPM that is found to be infested with a live wood-boring pest of the families *Cerambycidae* (longhorned beetle), *Buprestidae* (wood-boring beetles), *Siricidae* (woodwasps), *Cossidae* (carpenter moth), *Curculionidae* (weevils), *Platypodidae* (ambrosia beetles), *Sesiidae* (clearwing moths) and *Scolytidae* (bark beetles).

Shipments containing WPM that violate the rule may be allowed entry only if the The Plant Quarantine Branch determines that it is feasible to separate the cargo from the noncompliant WPM. An arrangement to have the noncompliant WPM exported or treated is required before the cargo can be released to the consignee. All costs associated with the reexportation or treatment is the responsibility of the importer or party of interest.

Non-compliant ship borne dunnage must be secured on the marine vessel so that pests may not escape while in Jamaican waters (*e.g.* under tarp, cover or within closed holds or containers) or in a container secured against the escape of pests (*e.g.* a closed disposal bin) . Failure to hold ship borne dunnage appropriately may result in additional enforcement measures being applied to the person or organization having custody of the dunnage.

Alternatively, to ensure that ship borne dunnage does not pose a risk for the entry of a pest the Plant Quarantine Branch may permit non-compliant ship borne dunnage to enter and be treated in accordance with Plant Quarantine Branch treatment protocol for noncompliant WPM.

¹Section 4.6 Phytosanitary measures for non-compliance at point of entry



Jamaica proposes to adopt the International Standards for Phytosanitary Measures No.15 "Guidelines for Regulating Wood Packaging Material in International Trade" published by IPPC, and has drafted the measures for the administration of imported non compliant wood packaging material.

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Plant Quarantine Act Part III. *Quarantine, Section 25 Plant Quarantine Expenses*