

Att. DEPARTAMENTO DE EXPORTACIÓN,

Dear exporter,

the **USA and others countries, intended to implement new import regulations for solid wood packing material according to the IPPC-ISPM15 guidelines together with Canada and Mexico** on the 2nd of June 2005 These 3 countries are organized in the **NAPPO**(North American Plant Protection Organization) (http://www.napso.org/menu_e.shtml). Phytosanitary Measures for these 3 countries are discussed and harmonized in the NAPPO. However the USA will implement the new regulation according to the IPPC-ISPM guidelines ([Industry Alert](#)).

The **IPPC-standard (ISPM15)** is a guideline of UN's -suborganisation FAO. Wooden pallets and (solid) wood packing material has to get a heat treatment or fumigation and has to be marked on two sides according to the IPPC-standard. **Manufactured or heat processed wood (like INKA-pallet or particle board)** present no danger whatsoever of plant pests. INKA-pallets therefore are exempt from the IPPC-ISPM15 requirements for non-manufactured wood. [IPPC-Standard - ISPM15](#)

Details of the guidelines we already can find in the draft of the new law (USA Federal Register Vol.68, No.97, 7CFR Part 319 Docket no. 02-032-2). In an email-correspondence, Program Director International Standards/NAPPO der USDA APHIS PPQ in Riverdale, USA confirmed that these more stringent regulation **will have no bearing on INKA-pallets** which are not classified according to the US definition of "solid wood packing material". **INKA pallets accordingly require neither treatment nor labeling.** In general for shipments to the USA without solid wood there is not a "non wood declaration" required, contrary to exports to China! Thus offering the assurance of a rapid and inexpensive import process. You will save time, aggravation and money.

Kind regards

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