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HOW TO EXPORT AFTER BREXIT

And Not Get Caught Out By The New

ISPM15 WOODEN PACKAGING REGULATIONS



WHAT ARE ISPM15 REGULATIONS?

WHAT DOES ISPM15 STAND FOR?

ISPM15 stands for the International Standards for Phytosanitary Measures No.15.

WHAT DO ISPM15 REGULATIONS APPLY TO?

ISPM15 is applicable to all wooden packaging materials such as pallets and shipping crates. They state that all solid wood and wooden packaging materials over 6mm in thickness and used for export must be treated.

WHY DO THESE REGULATIONS EXIST?

These regulations exist to help prevent the spread of pests and diseases found in wooden packaging that could have a negative impact on ecosystems.

WHAT DOES IT MEAN FOR WOODEN PALLETS AND SHIPPING CRATES?

The regulations mean that wooden packaging must be heattreated prior to use in order to destroy any pests or diseases in the wood.



THESE RULES DO NOT APPLY TO PROCESSED, NON SOLID WOOD PACKAGING

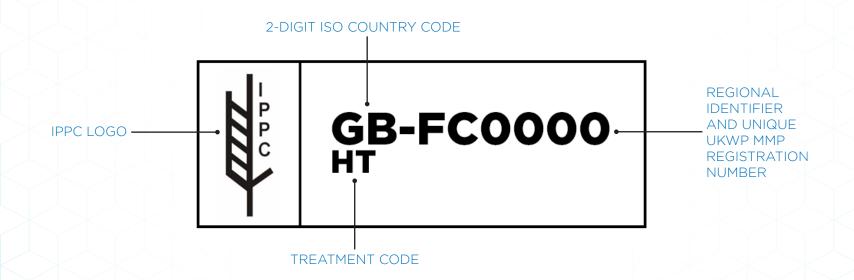
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WHAT DOES AN ISPM15 OR HEAT-TREATED PALLET OR SHIPPING CRATE LOOK LIKE?

All ISPM15 and heat-treated wooden packaging carry the same markings and stamps.





HOW HAVE THEY BEEN AFFECTED BY BREXIT?



BEFORE BREXIT

Before the UK left the EU on 1st January 2021, EU member states were not required to use heat-treated wooden packaging, primarily wooden pallets and shipping crates, for the movement of goods between themselves, including the UK.

ISPM15 compliant wooden packaging was required to import goods into the EU from any non-EU country.

Certain countries outside of the EU also required heat-treated packaging for importing from other territories, including the EU.



AFTER BREXIT

After the UK left the EU on 1st January 2021, the law changed to state that all wooden packaging moving between the EU and the UK, in either direction, must be ISPM15 compliant.

In addition, wooden packaging moving in either direction between Great Britain and Northern Ireland must meet the regulations, as well as any wooden packaging moving in either direction between Ireland and Great Britain via Northern Ireland. Movements between Ireland and Northern Ireland alone do not require heat-treatment.

Due to this change in regulations as well as the impact of the global pandemic on the heat treatment capacity for wooden packaging, it is believed current UK supplies of heat-treated pallets and shipping crates will not meet demand and there will be a shortage in supply.





WHICH COUNTRIES REQUIRE ISPM15 COMPLIANT WOODEN PACKAGING FROM THE UNITED KINGDOM?

FROM 1ST JANUARY 2021 AFTER BREXIT:

All 27 countries in the EU

COUNTRIES WHERE ISPM15 REGULATIONS WERE ENFORCED BEFORE BREXIT AND STILL APPLY:

Argentina

Australia

Bangladesh

Bolivia

Brazil

Canada

Chile

China

Colombia

Costa Rica

Cuba

Domincan Republic

Ecuador

Egypt

Guatemala

Guyana

Honduras

Hong Kong

India

Indonesia

Israel

Jamaica

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Norway

Oman

Paraguay

Peru

Philippines

Repubic of Korea

Russia

Seychelles

South Africa

Sri Lanka

Switzerland

Syria

Taiwan, Penghu, Kinmen & Matsu

Turkey

Ukraine

USA & North America





WHAT ABOUT THE REUSE AND REPAIR OF HEAT-TREATED PALLETS?

If a pallet is reused without the replacement of any wood, it does not require another heat treatment or re-stamping.

If a pallet or shipping crate is repaired and more than a third of the wood used to produce it is replaced, the original certification stamp must be removed, it must be heat treated again and then a new certification stamp reapplied.

If a pallet or shipping crate is repaired and less than a third of the wood used to make the packaging is replaced, the ISPM15 standard states that any wood used for the repair must go through the heat treatment process. Each piece of this wood must be individually marked to show it meets the heat treatment standard.

The company doing the repairs needs to be registered on the UK Wood Packaging Material Marking Programme (UKWPMMP) that regulates ISPM15 activity in the UK and be subject to its rules and legal obligation.





ARE THERE ALTERNATIVES TO WOOD AVAILABLE?

There are a number of non-wooden options available in the market. PALLITE® offer a range of paper honeycomb board pallets and shipping crates that are strong enough to be used as a direct replacement for wooden pallets and shipping crates.

ISPM15 EXEMPT

PALLITE® products are made from paper and are therefore exempt from ISPM15 and requirements for heat treatment

STRONG

PALLITE® pallets can hold up to 750kg in open-beam racking, and PALLITE® shipping crates can hold up to 750kg and stack up to 500kg.

LIGHTWEIGHT

The PALLITE® range is ideal for export as it's typically 83% lighter than wooden alternatives, offering cost savings on air freight and greater fuel efficiencies.

ENVIRONMENTALLY-FRIENDLY

The whole PALLITE® range is 100% recyclable and made from over 85% recycled materials.

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