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Awareness raising
for the phytosanitary risk
linked with wood
packaging material in
international trade

What is Wood Packaging Material?

Wood or wood products used in the transport of a given commodity (including crates, drums packing cases, load boards and pallets)



Why is it a phytosanitary risk?



Pallets are used worldwide in the shipment of 90% of goods.

Plant pests, potentially harmful for the European Agriculture, can move in international trade

Most frequent Plant Pests



Asian longhorned beetle *Anoplophora glabripennis* (Motschulsky)

Pinewood nematode, *Bursaphelenchus xylophilus* (Steiner et Buhrer)



What does the EU regulate?

- **Wood or wood products** (excluding paper products) used in the transport of a commodity (drums, packing cases, load boards and pallets).
- **Dunnage for non-wood cargo:** Wood used to wedge or support a non-wood commodity but which does not remain associated with the commodity.

Do not apply to:

- Wood of 6mm thickness or less
- Wood packaging material made from processed wood such as plywood, oriented strand board and veneer
- Wood packaging material used in intra-Community trade (*except for PT*)





International Standard for Phytosanitary Measures No. 15 (ISPM 15)

EU requests all non-EU countries to comply with ISPM15 rules. Those rules are required by almost all IPPC members.

WPM treatment is not mandatory for movement within EU MS

Decision 2018/1137/EU

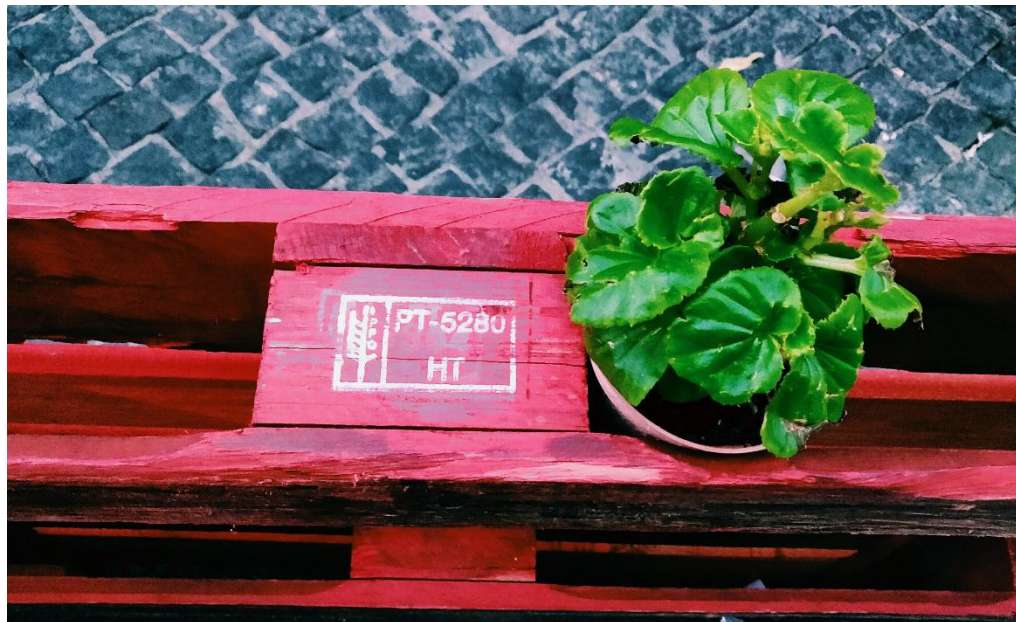
**on wood packaging material in the transport of commodities
originating in China and Belarus**

**52 commodities imported from China and
Belarus with WPM and the WPM as a
commodity itself (CN code 4415)**

Decision will expire in June 2020



European
Commission



Actions

- Awareness raising for EU operators
- Political engagement
- Better communication between COM and trade partners
- Harmonised EU measures regulating WPM from all non-EU countries
- Technical Exchange/Assistance

Decision Regulation (EU)_2016/2031

on protective measures against pests of plants

AT IMPORT:

- Plants for planting
- Living plant material: fruits, vegetables, branches, tubers, bulbs, cut flowers, etc
- Specified plant products, e.g. coniferous wood, oak wood
- Other objects: WPM and used agricultural/forestry machinery

need to be accompanied by a **phytosanitary certificate**, guaranteeing absence of plant pests

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Decision Regulation (EU) 2016/2031

on protective measures against pests of plants

FOR MOVEMENTS WITHIN THE EU:

- **Plants for planting**
- **Specified living plant material and plant products**

need to be accompanied by a **plant passport,
guaranteeing absence of plant pests**

AT BUSINESS LEVEL