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ISPM15 (International Standard for Phytosanitary Measures) are the new regulations that are due to be implemented by the North American Plant Protection Organisation (NAPPO) on 2 January 2004. This will affect exports to the United States, Canada & Mexico. The regulations require that all *timber* packaging to be specially fumigated or heat-treated; which, according to UK timber pallet manufacturers, could lead to a shortage of kiln dried wood. This regulation is also expected to be adopted by Europe at the same time.

Please note that companies using Presswood Pallets will not be affected.

Further information can be found at <http://www.inkapallets.co.uk/links/links.html>

CHINA continues to implement their "emergency measures" regarding wooden packaging, although they are expected to implement ISPM15 as standard following findings by Ford Motor Company in the USA.

"Why all the fuss?" The reason behind all of the new export/import regulations is the international control of plant pests and diseases.

For example, Dutch Elm Disease (DED) killed 90% of southern England's elm trees; and North America has lost 50% - with Chicago losing almost half of its 300k elm population in just 3 years. Due to tight import controls, there has yet to be a reported outbreak of DED in Australia.

This is just one disease - there are over 20 other notable pests or diseases that could easily be transmitted by untreated timber pallets/packing to 'unaffected' parts of the world causing severe devastation to woodlands, orchards, forests and buildings.

A NEW Presswood factory has opened in Berlin. This is now the third European factory and will be producing both Presswood Pallets and composite Blocks. This is expected, once full capacity has been reached, to alleviate the rapidly increasing demand for the larger pallets for worldwide exports.



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