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*The newsletter of Inka Presswood Pallets Ltd
....news when it matters*

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Australia opens its doors to PRESSWOOD

As of 1st of February the Australian Quarantine and Inspection Service (AQIS) will be amending their import controls to **exclude** Presswood Pallets from further assessment. According to AQIS, due to the manufacturing process of reconstituted wood products (such as Presswood) the quarantine risk is minimised. This means that as of the first of February Presswood Pallets need not to be declared on packaging declarations as wood. Further details from: http://www.aqis.gov.au/icon32/asp/ex_topiccontent.asp?TopicType=Quarantine+Alert&TopicID=8769

USA gives ISPM15 implementation date

As of 16 September 2005 all wooden packaging and dunnage will need to comply with ISPM15 regulations. http://www.aphis.usda.gov/lpa/pubs/fsheet_faq_notice/fs_ph_wpm.html

It is also worth noting that a number of other countries are also enforcing ISPM15 at, what seems, very short notice. Should you experience any difficulty with import controls please call us.

'Packaging Waste' Update

We have recently learned from The Environment Agency (EA) that Presswood (and indeed all wood composite materials) should be classified as Paper/Board rather than wood! This followed a phone call from one of our customers advising us that their local EA office had pointed this out to them when meeting their 'Packaging Waste' obligations. Naturally we wanted to verify this matter and even the officer to whom we spoke, once he had carried out some investigations, was utterly surprised to confirm this. Having presumed, that Presswood would be regarded as wood, since the regulations came into force, we wish to apologise if this has caused any inconvenience.

Editors comment - maybe this is the basis of a good argument to do away with export certificates!

A New look for Inka's 20th Birthday

We believe that once in a while it does not do a company any harm to refresh its corporate image - unless you happen to be British Airways or the Post Office! Which is

why, to mark its 20th year in business, Inka have adopted a new fresh look. Mark Springham - Inka's Managing Director - comments; "In the past the cost associated with such a change has sent most Boardroom meetings and Company Accountants into a frenzy; however, these days, with so much business associated with the Internet, it is a relatively simple and low-cost task. That is not to say that it is done lightly or without due consideration; indeed, it is the whole of the company image at stake. Therefore, we have avoided, for instance, the huge cost implications associated with the tail-fins of British Airways; and not made any significant change to our name, as the UK Post Office did when deciding to call themselves Consignia. Instead we've kept it simple but effective... well, at least everyone in our office likes it, and that has to be important!



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