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Dear Sir or Madam:

**SUBJECT: REGULATION OF WOOD PACKAGING MATERIAL  
IN INTERNATIONAL TRADE**

The Department of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries (DAFF) have requested SARS to inform exporters, importers and all other role players involved in the international trading of products involving wood-packaging material, to comply with International Standards for Phytosanitary Measures (ISPM) No. 15.

Wood originating from living or dead trees may be infested by pests. Wood packaging material is frequently made of raw wood that may not have undergone sufficient processing or treatment to remove or kill pests and therefore remains a pathway for the introduction and spread of quarantine pests. Exporters, importers and all other role players involved in wood-packaging material should adhere to the requirement as stipulated in ISPM No.15.

Please find below link to DAFF website that will provide more detailed information on this subject:

<https://www.daff.gov.za/daffweb3/Branches/Agricultural-Production-Health-Food-Safety/Inspection-Services/Wood-Packaging>

Please note that the restrictions stipulated in ISPM No. 15 will also form part of the Consolidated List of Prohibited and Restricted Imports and Exports (P&R List).

Kind regards

A handwritten signature in black ink, consisting of several overlapping loops and a final horizontal stroke.

Senior Manager: Key Industry Management