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IPPC Survey on Bark on ISPM No. 15 Marked Wood Packaging

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1. The Standards Committee requested the Technical panel on forest quarantine (TPFQ) to revise ISPM No. 15 (*Guidelines for regulating wood packaging material in international trade*). For this revision, data on potential pest risks associated with bark on wood packaging marked in accordance with ISPM No. 15 is required. The Standards Committee supports this data collection initiative. The TPFQ has therefore developed a survey protocol to assist with data collection. This data will then be compiled and the TPFQ will analyse and use it in the revision of ISPM No. 15.
2. The IPPC Secretariat mailed out information on this survey to National Plant Protection Organization (NPPO) contact points early in 2007 requesting help in collecting data for this survey.
3. All NPPOs have been invited to participate in this survey and detailed information on the survey is attached (Annex 1) and can be downloaded from the International Phytosanitary Portal (www.ippc.int/id/171451?language=en).
4. Contracting parties are requested to participate in this survey to the best of their ability by engaging national organizations responsible for clearing goods with wood packaging material at import. These organizations would be requested to inspect all types of ISPM No. 15 marked wood packaging for the presence of bark and record their findings.
5. Data collected for this survey should be submitted through the NPPO contact point to the IPPC Secretariat by e-mail ippc@fao.org no later than 15 May 2007.
6. The CPM is invited to:
 1. *Encourage* contracting parties to participate in this survey and *submit* data to the IPPC Secretariat no later than 15 May 2007.

Annex 1

February 2007

Re: IPPC survey on bark on ISPM No. 15 marked wood packaging

Dear National Plant Protection Organization (NPPO),

In March 2002, the Interim Commission on Phytosanitary Measures (ICPM) adopted International Standard for Phytosanitary Measures (ISPM) No. 15 (*Guidelines for regulating wood packaging material in international trade*).

The Standards Committee has requested the Technical panel on forest quarantine (TPFQ) to revise ISPM No. 15. For this revision, data on potential pest risks associated with bark on wood packaging marked in accordance with ISPM No. 15 is required. Several countries have begun collecting inspection data on bark associated with ISPM No. 15 marked wood packaging at import. The Standards Committee and the TPFQ support this data collection initiative and encourage more NPPOs to help collect data. The TPFQ has therefore developed a protocol to assist with this data collection. This data will then be compiled and the TPFQ will analyse and use it in the revision of ISPM No. 15.

NPPOs or other organizations responsible for clearing goods with wood packaging material at import are asked to carry out a survey and inspect all types of ISPM No. 15 marked wood packaging for the presence of bark and, when bark is found, to collect and record specified information. NPPOs are encouraged to select shipments for inspection at random during the normal process of importation and in no way should this survey impede the movement of goods internationally. It is suggested by the TPFQ that each NPPO inspects approximately 2000 units of wood packaging and makes a separate record for each piece of bark found. Different types of wood packaging should be inspected (descriptions of types of wood packaging are given in the instructions attached).

Instructions for measuring and recording data on pieces of bark found on ISPM No. 15 marked wood packaging are attached. It is important that the data is collected and recorded in a uniform manner in order to allow it to be analyzed. A formatted spreadsheet is available for download from the International Phytosanitary Portal (www.ippc.int/id/171451?language=en) and countries are encouraged to use this spreadsheet and follow the attached instructions carefully.

If you have any questions regarding the instructions for collecting and recording data for this survey, please contact the TPFQ representative, Mr. Shane Sela (selas@inspection.gc.ca).

Data collected for this survey should be submitted through the NPPO contact point to the IPPC Secretariat by e-mail ippc@fao.org no later than 15 May 2007.

Yours sincerely,

Richard Ivess
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Secretariat of the International Plant Protection Convention

*Attachment***Instructions for the IPPC survey on bark on ISPM No. 15 marked wood packaging**

Data is to be collected for each piece of bark found. Bark is considered to be the layer of a woody trunk, branch or root, outside the cambium.

Once the data for the survey is recorded in the formatted spreadsheet available on the International Phytosanitary Portal (www.ippc.int/id/171451?language=en) it should be submitted electronically to the IPPC Secretariat. Please submit the data only once and through the NPPO contact point.

Where possible, all surfaces of the ISPM No. 15 marked wood packaging being inspected should be examined. If bark is found, data should be collected and recorded following the instructions below for each piece of bark. A separate record should be created for each piece of bark found, i.e. where more than one piece of bark is found on a piece of wood, a record should be created for each piece of bark.

ISPM No. 15 (*Guidelines for regulating wood packaging material in international trade*) and ISPM No. 5 (*Glossary of phytosanitary terms*) should be consulted as they provide further information.

The following table provides instructions for gathering and entering the data into the spreadsheet.

Column No.	Title	Instructions	Example
1	Record number for each piece of wood inspected	Assign a unique number to each single piece of wood (i.e. each board in a pallet, each piece of dunnage, each board in a crate, etc.).	1
2	Record letter for each piece of bark associated with a piece of wood identified in column 1	Assign a unique letter (alphabet character) for each piece of bark which is associated with a piece of wood identified in column 1 (e.g. Where a piece of wood is identified as record 1 and carries one piece of bark, 1a identifies the only piece of bark on that piece of wood. Where 2 is assigned as the record number for a piece of wood that carries 3 pieces of bark, 2a, 2b, 2c identify the three pieces of bark). Double and triple letters can be used to extend this series as necessary (e.g. 1aa, 1ab, etc.). See figure 1 below.	a
3	Length of bark	The piece of bark should be measured (or its size estimated) in cm (length and width). See figure 2.	6
4	Width of bark	These measurements will be used to calculate the area of the piece of bark.	10
5	Length of wood	The piece of wood on which the bark is attached should be measured (or its size estimated) in cm	150
6	Width of wood	(length and width and height). A piece of wood means for example, a board of a pallet where the	15

Column No.	Title	Instructions	Example
7	Height of wood	bark is attached. Where more than one piece of bark is found on a single piece of wood, the dimensions of the piece of wood should be duplicated in each record. See figure 3. These measurements will be used to calculate the volume of the piece of wood.	3
8	ISO country code from mark	The two letter code appearing on the ISPM No. 15 mark on the wood packaging material indicating the country of origin. This code usually appears on the right hand side of the IPPC logo.	UK
9	Treatment code from mark	The two letter code appearing on the ISPM No. 15 mark on the wood packaging material indicating the type of treatment. This is code is either HT or MB.	MB
10	Wood packaging type	Wood packaging type (e.g. pallet, dunnage, crating, packing block, drum, case, load board, pallet collar, skid, box or spool).	Pallet
11	Wood moisture percentage (%)	The moisture of the wood, measured as a percentage (%), should be taken using a wood moisture probe, where possible. If this measurement cannot be taken, this column should be left blank.	15%
12	Pest life stage and identity	If a pest(s) is found in the piece of wood identified in column 1, its life stage (e.g. eggs, larvae, adult) should be recorded and, if possible, its species (scientific name). If no determination is possible, at least a classification to the family or group (e.g. bark beetle, longhorned beetle, wood borer, Scolytidae) is required. If no pest is found, this column should be left blank.	Larvae
13	Pest related to bark	If the pest described in column 12 is related to the bark (i.e. pest stages directly found in and/or under the bark, or pest stages found in the wood below the bark or in larval galleries under the bark), indicate "yes". If the pest found was not related to the bark (e.g. bark was on the one end of the piece of wood and the pest in the wood was on the other end of the piece of wood), indicate "no". If no pest is found this column should be left blank.	Yes
14	Date inspected	The date of inspection should be recorded numerically as year, month and day, separated by dashes.	2006-12-25
15	Comments	Any additional comments thought relevant by the inspector.	Very poor quality wood

Completed spreadsheets should be submitted electronically by e-mail, through the NPPO contact point, to the IPPC Secretariat (ippc@fao.org) no later than 15 May 2007.

Figure 1 – How to identify and record individual pieces of bark associated with a piece of wood

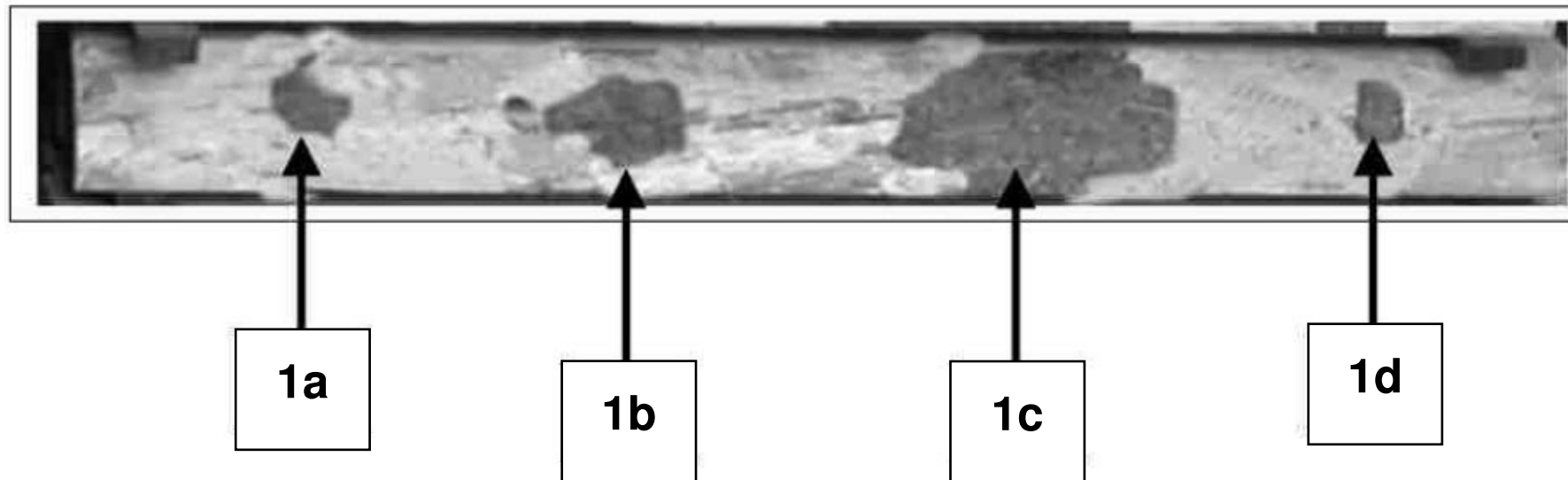


Figure 2 - How to measure the length and width of a piece of bark

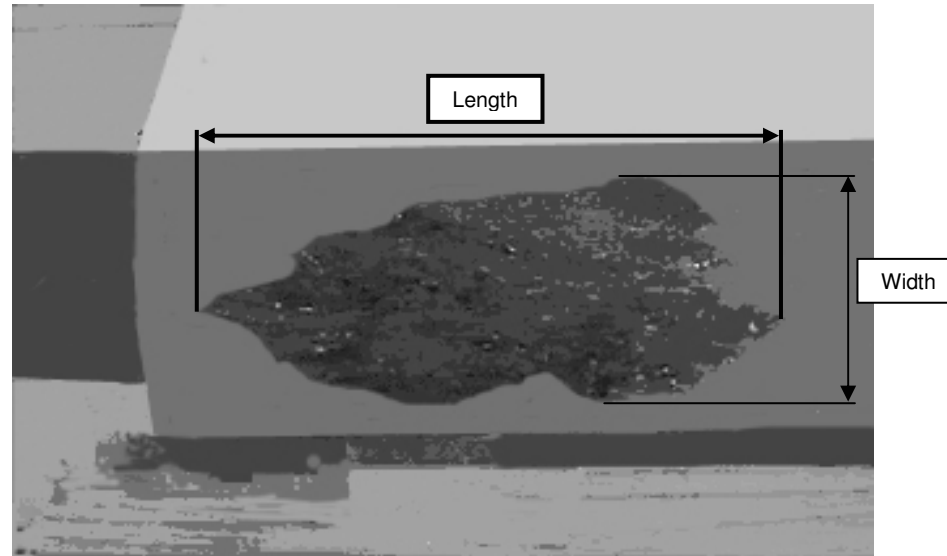


Figure 3 - How to measure the length, width and height of a piece of wood

