

**APEAL TO EXPORTERS / IMPORTERS AND CUSTOMS / EXCISE
AUTHORITIES**

**Government of India
Ministry of Agriculture
(Department of Agriculture & Cooperation)
DIRECTORATE OF PLANT PROTECTION,
QUARANTINE & STORAGE
N.H.IV, FARIDABAD-121 001 (Haryana)**

**Compulsory treatment of Solid Wood Packaging Materials used in
packaging of consignments to be exported.**

It is brought to the notice of all Exporters and Importers that almost all countries require wood packaging material used in the packaging of the consignments to be rendered completely free of pests by either heat treatment or fumigation with Methyl Bromide in accordance with the International Standards for Phytosanitary Measures (ISPM)-15 Regulation of Wood Packaging Material in International Trade (2009). The wood packaging material used for packaging of the consignments in the International Trade is required to be marked after treatment by the treatment providers authorized by the National Plant Protection Organization as per the guidelines prescribed under ISPM-15 as revised in 2009. Government of India has formulated the National Standards to facilitate accreditation of these treatment providers and provided them with exclusive International Marks and Numbers. All exporters who use wood packaging material for packaging their goods for exports should ensure that such wood packaging material is either Heat Treated or fumigated with Methyl Bromide in accordance with this ISPM-15 by the approved treatment providers available on the official website www.plantquarantineindia.org . Non-Compliance in this regard may result in treatment of the consignment off-shore at exorbitant costs and delayed clearance or deportation / destruction of the consignment.

Through this notice, Customs / Excise Authorities are advised to ensure that the consignments with proper treatment mark on Solid Wood Packaging Material are only allowed for Export to avoid Non-Compliances from the country of imports. They should also ensure that imported consignment along with Solid Wood Packaging Materials are properly marked in accordance with ISPM-15 and report / refer consignments with Non-Compliance to nearest Plant Quarantine Authority for further proper action in the matter.

Any further details, if required, can be sought by e-mail to ppa@nic.in.

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**Compulsory Phytosanitary Inspection and Irradiation treatment of
Mangoes to be exported to USA**

It is brought to the notice of all and especially the exporters /customs & excise authorities / passengers / courier service providers / Pest Control Operators that Government of India has entered into a bilateral agreement with United States Department of Agriculture for export of commercial shipment of only phytosanitary certified mangoes irradiated at approved facility in accordance with terms and conditions of agreed protocols. There are reports that in violation of agreed protocol some of the firms are exporting parcels of uncertified and un-irradiated mangoes to USA through Courier Services. Also it has come to the notice of NPPO of India that some passengers are also carrying uncertified / untreated mangoes in their luggage to USA.

In view of the above, it is for information to all concerned that nobody should carry the mangoes in their luggages. Further, the courier services should not accept / transport mango parcels to the USA.

Through this notice, customs/excise authorities are advised to ensure that the consignments of mangoes accompanied with proper Phytosanitary Certificates may only be allowed for export to USA to avoid the non-compliance of the agreement.

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