

# WORLD TRADE ORGANIZATION

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Committee on Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures

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## NOTIFICATION

<p><b>1. Member to Agreement notifying:</b> <u>HONDURAS</u></p> <p><b>If applicable, name of local government involved:</b> <i>Secretaría de Industria y Comercio - SIC</i> (Ministry of Industry and Trade)</p>
<p><b>2. Agency responsible:</b> <i>Secretaría de Agricultura y Ganadería - SAG</i> (Ministry of Agriculture and Livestock)</p>
<p><b>3. Products covered (provide tariff item number(s) as specified in national schedules deposited with the WTO; ICS numbers should be provided in addition, where applicable):</b> All products exported to Honduras in wood packaging material</p>
<p><b>4. Regions or countries likely to be affected, to the extent relevant or practicable:</b> All trading partners</p>
<p><b>5. Title, language and number of pages of the notified document:</b> <i>Reglamento para Embalaje de Madera Utilizado en el Comercio Internacional</i> (Regulations on wood packaging material in international trade).</p>
<p><b>6. Description of content:</b> The purpose of these Regulations, which are mandatory throughout national territory, is to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>(a) Establish the phytosanitary measures for wood packaging material in use in international trade in goods, the technical specifications thereof, and the use of the globally recognized mark attesting to the application of such measures;</li><li>(b) lay down the requirements governing the use of this mark on wood packaging material used for the importation and exportation of goods;</li><li>(c) establish guidelines to facilitate the inspection at entry points into the country of wood packaging material used for the importation of goods, with a view to reducing the risk of pest introduction.</li></ul> <p>This document is consistent with International Standards for Phytosanitary Measures (ISPM) No. 15: <i>Guidelines for Regulating Wood Packaging Material in International Trade</i>, adopted on 15 March 2002 by the Interim Commission on Phytosanitary Measures (ICPM) of the International Plant Protection Convention (IPPC) of the Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO).</p>
<p><b>7. Objective and rationale:</b> <input type="checkbox"/> food safety, <input type="checkbox"/> animal health, <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> plant protection, <input type="checkbox"/> protect humans from animal/plant pest or disease, <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> protect territory from other damage from pests</p>

<p><b>8. International standard, guideline or recommendation:</b>  <input type="checkbox"/> Codex Alimentarius Commission, <input type="checkbox"/> World Organization for Animal Health (OIE), <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> International Plant Protection Convention, <input type="checkbox"/> None</p> <p><b>If an international standard, guideline or recommendation exists, give the appropriate reference and briefly identify deviations:</b></p> <p>International Standards for Phytosanitary Measures (ISPM) No. 15: <i>Guidelines for Regulating Wood Packaging Material in International Trade</i>, approved and published by the FAO International Plant Protection Convention.</p>
<p><b>9. Relevant documents and language(s) in which these are available:</b> <i>Reglamento para Embalaje de Madera Utilizado en el Comercio Internacional</i> (Regulations on wood packaging material in international trade) (15 pages, in Spanish).</p>
<p><b>10. Proposed date of adoption:</b> 25 February 2006</p>
<p><b>11. Proposed date of entry into force:</b> Upon publication in the Official Journal, <i>La Gaceta</i>.</p>
<p><b>12. Final date for comments: -</b></p> <p><b>Agency or authority designated to handle comments:</b> <input type="checkbox"/> National notification authority, <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> National enquiry point or address, fax number and E-mail address (if available) of other body:</p> <p>Secretaría de Agricultura y Ganadería  Dirección General de Sanidad Agropecuaria (SENASA)  Blvd. Centro América, Ave. La FAO, República de Honduras  Tel.: (504) 231-0786  Fax: (504) 239-1144  Web site: www.senasa-sag.gob.hn</p>
<p><b>13. Texts available from:</b> <input type="checkbox"/> National notification authority, <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> National enquiry point or address, fax number and E-mail address (if available) of other body:</p> <p>Secretaría de Agricultura y Ganadería  Dirección General de Sanidad Agropecuaria (SENASA)  Blvd. Centro América, Ave. La FAO, República de Honduras  Tel.: (504) 231-0786  Fax: (504) 239-1144  Web site: www.senasa-sag.gob.hn</p>