



TO ALL PARTICIPANTS OF THE UK WOOD PACKAGING MATERIAL MARKING PROGRAMME

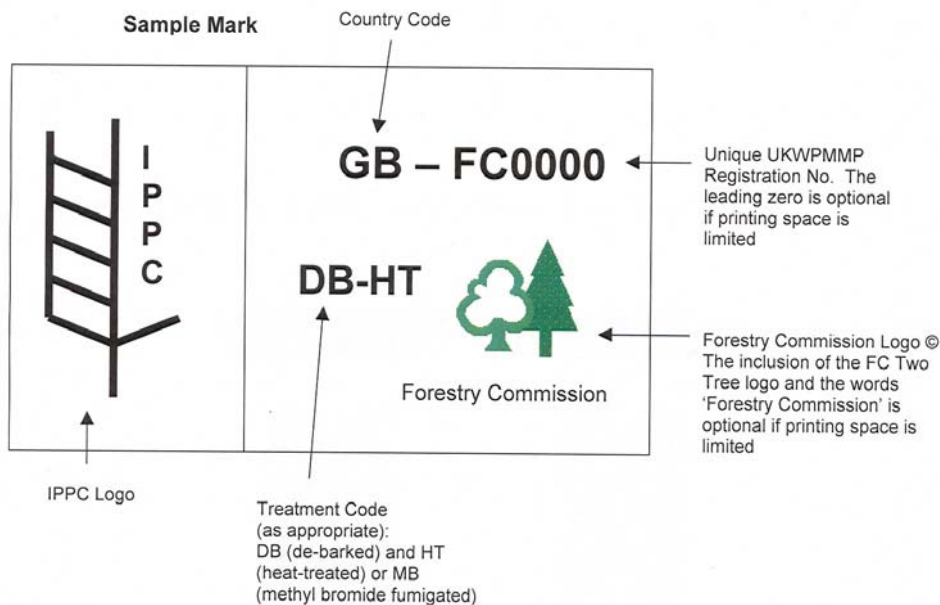
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Dear Members,

RE: IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT – USE OF FC TWO TREE LOGO IS NO LONGER MANDATORY

All participants of the UK Wood Packaging Material Marking Programme are hereby notified that, with immediate effect, the inclusion of the FC Two Tree logo and the words 'Forestry Commission' will no longer be mandatory within the UKWPMMP mark. However, if you wish to continue to use them then you may do so."

Please see following sample mark.



We have been advised that some importing countries are refusing to accept marks that, in their opinion, do not follow exactly the model shown in Annex II to ISPM No. 15 (as per the example above). We shall continue to defend marks used within the UKWPMMP which in our opinion do meet the recommendations in ISPM No 15 but users may wish to

review their mark and consider whether modifications should be made. We will be happy to offer advice where this is requested. It is important to remember that it is the National Plant Protection Organisation of the importing country which is the final arbiter in determining what they will accept although we would hope that in cases of doubt they would check with the authorities in the country of origin.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Ian Brownlee', written in a cursive style.

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