**Notice on the**

**Documentation requirements for treated wood**

Under The Danish Wood Packaging Materials Treatment and Marking Scheme

**The Danish Wood Packaging Materials Treatment and Marking Scheme**, established and run by the Danish Agricultural Agency, is based upon the EU Plant Health Regulation 2016/2031 art. 96-98 which follow requirements as set out in the current version of *International Standards on Phytosanitary Measures No. 15: ’Regulation of Wood Packaging Materials in International Trade’, FAO,* as most resent revised in 2018(ISPM-15 henceforward)*.* To obtain the necessary certification, Danish companies wishing to use the internationally recognised and protected mark must be approved by the Danish Agricultural Agency.[[1]](#footnote-1)

The wood to be used for the manufacture, repair or remanufacture of marked wood packaging materials (including dunnage) must have been debarked, and heat treated (by conventional or dielectric heating) or otherwise treated as specified in ISPM-15.

**Documentation**

Consignments of treated wood to be used by certified Danish manufacturers of marked wood packaging materials without further treatments must be accompanied by certain documentation upon arrival to the manufacturer. The documentation may be as set out in either of the alternatives I or II as follows:

Alternative I.

*a)* at least one trade document per consignment must specify which treatment has been applied to the consignment in accordance with ISPM-15, Annex 1

and

*b)* each packing unit must be marked with:

a marking showing the country code, the company’s official registration number and the treatment code

and

a readable, permanent and unique number (e.g. serial number) referring to that same number in the trade document following the consignment.

Alternative II.

Each consignment must be accompanied by a phytosanitary certificate specifying which parts of the consignment have been treated in accordance with ISPM-15. Consignments from other EU Member States may instead be accompanied by another official document of the same content and issued by the National Plant Protection Organisation.

*Accepted abbreviations.*

The marking of packing units and any abbreviation used on trade documents must unambiguously state which treatments have been applied to the packing units in accordance with ISPM-15. Thus, the markings ‘HT’ or ‘DH’ for heat treatment, ‘SF’ for sulphuryl fluoride or ‘MB’ for methyl bromide treatment are globally recognised abbreviations specified in ISPM-15.

For heat treated wood the Danish Agricultural Agency also accepts markings or abbreviations such as ‘KD 56/30’, ‘Heat Treated 56o/30 min’ etc., stating the core temperature in oC and duration in minutes. The Danish Agricultural Agency cannot accept the sole marking ‘KD’ without specification of temperature and time. Neither is it sufficient to state that the wood originates from a certain certified company.

**Note**

The documentary requirements quoted in the present notice do not confer any novel import requirements or restrictions upon wood exported to Denmark. The requirements are concerned solely with the treatment documentation needed for the usage of wood in manufacturing wood packaging material under the Danish certification scheme.

**Further information**

The Danish Agricultural Agency website <https://eng.lbst.dk/> includes a page on the Danish certification scheme for producers of wood packaging materials and an updated list of certified Danish companies <https://lbst.dk/virksomheder/traeemballage/godkendte-virksomheder/>

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1. Cf. ’A brief outline on The Danish Wood Packaging Materials Treatment and Marking Scheme’ at

<https://eng.lbst.dk/international-trade/certification-scheme-for-wood-packing-material/> [↑](#footnote-ref-1)