

ISPM15 & BREXIT Q&A





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1. What is the impact of Brexit on wooden pallets?

Unless further developments occur, it will be a legal requirement from the 1st of January 2021 for all wood packaging material moving in both directions, between United Kingdom (UK) and the European Union (EU), to be treated and marked in compliance with the International Standard For Phytosanitary Measures No 15 (ISPM15 – see also Q2 for more details on ISPM15).

See [Guidance from the UK Government](#).

ISPM15 treatment is not required for UK domestic flows and for pallets moving within the EU (except in a few territories, see Q9).



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2. What are the International Standards For Phytosanitary Measures No. 15 (ISPM15)?

The ISPM15 standard provides for the regulation of wood packaging material in international trade. Its purpose is to prevent the spread of disease and insects that could negatively affect plants or ecosystems between different geographical areas.

ISPM15 was issued by the Secretariat of the International Plant Protection Convention (IPPC) and must be adopted by the Contracting Parties of the IPPC in their domestic regulations. The European Union as well as the UK are Contracting Parties to the IPPC, and as such, require that the wood packaging materials imported into their territory comply with ISPM15.

Wood packaging materials must fulfil the following requirements in order to comply with ISPM15:

- They must be subject to one or more of the approved treatments set out in Annex 1 of ISPM15;
- They must be marked as outlined in Annex 2 of ISPM15 attesting that they have been subject to the required treatments.



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3. How will LPR support its customers with regards to Brexit?

LPR has prepared for the impacts of Brexit with its partners, to be able to respond to the additional needs of its customers, both in terms of volumes and the specificities of pallets complying with ISPM15. LPR has increased the heat-treatment capacities in its partners' network and has put in place specific procedures, as well as logistical measures, to ensure proper treatment, marking, sorting and stock management.

Customers are nevertheless strongly advised to anticipate the forthcoming legal change by sharing their forecasts with LPR as soon as possible, to allow LPR to secure the heat-treatment capacity and ensure delivery of ISPM15-compliant pallets to fulfil their requirements.



4. How do I order TREATED pallets complying with ISPM15?

Pallets complying with ISPM15 can be ordered by selecting the option "TREATED" or "TRT" in MyLPR.

If the item "TREATED" or "TRT" is not available on MyLPR, please inform your usual LPR contact. It may be that your contract with LPR does not currently include this additional service, and a revision may need to be made.



5. Will I receive a certification of compliance for my LPR pallets with ISPM15 upon delivery?

No certificate or similar documentation is required. The IPPC mark applied on the pallet is the proof that the internationally accepted phytosanitary measures have been applied (see Q2 for more details). As stated in the ISPM15, the application of this mark makes the use of a phytosanitary certificate unnecessary.

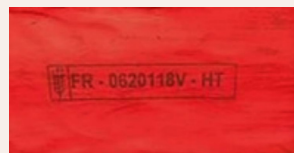
The delivery note of LPR will indicate that the pallets delivered are "TREATED" or "TRT".



6. How do the ISPM 15 marks (also called IPPC mark) look like?

There are different variants authorised for the marks indicating that wood packaging material has been subjected to an approved phytosanitary treatment in accordance with ISPM 15. The size, position, font types and marking technics (fire-marking, ink, paint) may vary. To be valid the marks must comprise the IPPC symbol, a country code, a producer/treatment provider code and a treatment code (HT for heat treatment). Additional codes and information may appear adjacent to but outside of the border of the mark. In some cases, marks from different operators may appear on a single pallet.

See examples of authorised marks below :



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6. Why is there an additional cost to order ISPM15 TREATED pallets?

The TREATED pallets complying with ISPM15 are subject to specific procedures and logistical measures of heat-treatment, marking, sorting and stock management.

The TREATED pallets must be heat-treated by an operator duly authorised by the national authorities. Pallets are heated to a minimum temperature of 56 °C for a minimum duration of 30 continuous minutes. This must be achieved throughout the entire profile and the core of the wood. This process is both time and energy consuming.

The additional cost for TREATED pallets can be provided by your usual LPR sales contact.

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7. What are the consequences of using non-compliant pallets?

Control plans and consequences in case of non-compliant imported wood packaging material are mainly framed in each national law and/or decided by local authorities. Possible consequences may include denial of entry of the entire shipment, destruction of the pallet and/or the merchandise being carried.

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8. Who is responsible for the compliance of the pallets with ISPM15?

LPR guarantees that the pallets it delivers as "TREATED" are compliant with ISPM15 and the applicable laws of the country of delivery. Once delivered, customers, and more broadly, the users of the pallets, are fully responsible and liable for the proper use of these pallets.

It is nevertheless the sole responsibility of the user of a pallet to ensure that it is adequately informed of the applicable phytosanitary laws and regulations. Consequently, customers need to be aware of the ISPM15 legal requirements applicable to their own flows of goods, and to request from LPR "TREATED" pallets where required.

Please be aware that apart from the flows between the EU and the UK, other destinations may require pallets complying with ISPM15 (see Q9 for more details).



9. Which other geographical areas require ISPM15?

1) **EU Territories:** ISPM15 treatment is not required for pallets moving within the EU, except for some specific territories:

- Some EU territories are considered as “**demarcated areas**” due to the presence of pine wood nematode (after [Decision 2012/535/EU](#)), in particular **Portugal** and the **island of Madeira**. Pallets originating in these areas must be treated and marked in compliance with ISPM15.
- For the purpose of phytosanitary regulation (in particular [Regulation \(EU\) 2016/2031](#)), some territories of the EU are considered as **third countries** such as: **Ceuta, Melilla, Guadeloupe, French Guiana, Martinique, Réunion, Saint-Barthélemy, Saint-Martin, and the Canary Islands**. Any pallets sent from these territories to another area within the EU must be treated and marked in compliance with ISPM15.
- According to Spanish law ([Orden APA/1076/2018](#)), all pallets **imported into and exported from the Canary Islands** (either loaded or empty) must be treated and officially marked in line with ISPM15.

2) **Countries outside the EU:** requirements for the phytosanitary regulations applicable in the country of destination of the pallets should be checked by the pallet user on a case by case basis. It should be noted that most of the countries having signed the International Plant Protection Convention (IPPC) require wood packaging material imported into their territory be compliant with ISPM15 (more information can be found on the [IPPC website](#)).

Reminder. The user of the pallet is responsible for checking the phytosanitary regulations applicable at the pallet destination.

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Our customers in the fast moving consumer goods business compete fiercely on a global scale. To grow or even to survive can be a real challenge. A continuous flow of goods is critical to their business and although not always acknowledged pallets are the heart of it. Our customers have no time to waste. At LPR we believe efficiency and effectiveness can only be achieved through collaboration. In an ever changing world you can't stick to the current status quo and focus on short term results. At LPR we scan, initiate, work for and with our customers based on transparency and trust. Creating optimal pallet pooling solutions together. Only with full transparent pallet pooling we have a sustainable solution ahead of us.

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