

Is your wood packaging compliant with international regulations?

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To help stem the spread of pests and diseases, many countries including Canada have imposed strict standards on wood packaging products like pallets, crates and dunnage. When you ship or receive goods in noncompliant, non-certified wood packaging, your shipment may be refused entry at its destination. You may also be subject to sanctions, fines and penalties.

Cole International's federally approved, internationally recognized crating and packaging facility on Canada's East Coast ensures our export customers are fully compliant with strict international packaging regulations.



The International Plant Protection Convention (IPPC) is an international treaty that seeks to protect plants and plant products by minimizing the spread of potential pests and diseases. In collaboration with IPPC member countries, the International Standard for Phytosanitary Measures (ISPM) was created to regulate wood packaging materials moving in international trade and provide countries with a mechanism to establish internationally harmonized and recognized controls.

ISPM No. 15: Guidelines for Regulating Wood Packaging Material in International Trade lays out measures to reduce the risk of introducing or spreading pests associated with wood packaging material. To meet international obligations, the Canadian Food Inspection Agency (CFIA) has harmonized import regulations and produced an export certification program compliant with this international standard.

Canada's Import Directive » All wood packaging that enters Canada must be heat-treated or fumigated as specified under ISPM No.15, and the packaging must bear the official IPPC stamp verifying treatment and incorporating the packaging producer's registration number. Noncompliant packaging material may be returned to the point of origin at the shipper's cost.

Canada's Export Directive » The CFIA's *Policy Directive D-01-05: The Canadian Wood Packaging Certification Program (CWPCP)* is a regulatory certification system that ensures Canadian producers' wood packaging products meet international phytosanitary standards. Certified wood packaging is stamped with the Canadian IPPC symbol. Shipments that fail to meet foreign import requirements may be refused entry into the destination country. The exporter may also have trade privileges in that country suspended and face domestic penalties or fines. Noncompliance is also a violation of Canadian law and may lead to legal repercussions from the CFIA.

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When your wood packaging is fully compliant, exporting is smooth sailing...
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