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**PUBLIC NOTICE No. 13/2013**

Attention of Trade, stake holders and Public is invited to this Office Public Notice No. 08/2012 dated 08.06.2012 regarding requirement of reference to Plant Quarantine in respect of Untreated wood packing material.

In case of non-compliance (absence of ISPM-15 mark and pest interception) in Wood Packaging Material (WPM) action shall be taken by the Plant Quarantine Station, Tuticorin to check export consignment not meeting International Standard for Phytosanitary Measures No. 15 (ISPM-15) to reduce significantly the risk of introduction and spread of quarantine pests that may be associated with WPM. Presently there are two types of treatment listed under this ISPM-15 to disinfest the pest from WPM.

1. Heat treatment with core temperature at 56°C for ½ hour
2. Fumigation with Methyl Bromide @ 48 gm per cubic meter with exposure for 24 hours at 21°C or above.

Directorate of Plant Protection, Quarantine and Storage has accredited many treatment providers in Tuticorin which have required experts and equipments to carryout the above treatments as per ISPM-15. Hence, all Exporters and Custom Brokers are advised to ensure that WPM use should be got treated, stamped with unique code number, clearly visible and appearing on two opposite sides of the article before exports. Mark must be permanent and not transferable. Metal plates and stickers are not acceptable. Recycle of WPM are subject to retreatment, recertified and remarked by an authorized agency. All previous ISPM-15 marks should be removed or obliterated.

To safeguard the Indian biosecurity from foreign pests through this WPM, India has incorporated Clause 20A in Plant Quarantine (Regulation of Import into India) Order, 2003. In case of non-compliance of ISPM-15 on WPM of import consignments, the Customs Officers shall refer these consignments to plant quarantine authority for reporting non-compliance to the exporting country and also get these WPM properly treated through the accredited treatment providers. Agencies who like to be accredited for WPM treatment may approach the Plant Quarantine Officer for accreditation.

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आयुक्त COMMISSIONER

Copy submitted to the Chief Commissioner of Customs (Preventive), Trichy.

To:

1. The Plant Protection Officer (W.Sc.), Plant Quarantine Station, 4/194A, C.G.E. Colony, 5<sup>th</sup> Street, Tuticorin-3.
2. The Additional Commissioner of Customs, Custom House, Tuticorin.
3. All Assistant Commissioners of Customs, Custom House, Tuticorin.
4. The Assistant Commissioner (EDI) – with a direction to upload it on the website
5. All Superintendents of CFS.
6. Tuticorin Customs Brokers' Association.
7. Master File / Spare Copy.

8. Notice Board.

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