

NEW REGULATIONS ON PACKAGING FOR SHIPMENTS TO THE CANARY ISLANDS

Why has this new regulation been activated?

The aim is to protect the natural environment of the Canary Islands. The wood used to make the packaging (mainly pallets) is largely raw wood without treatment to kill the biological organisms (pests) that live in the trees. Therefore, a border control will be established to prevent the introduction of these organisms into the Canary Islands.

Which consignments must comply with the regulations?

All raw wood packaging entering the Canary Islands must comply with international standards (NIMF-15).

When does the regulation come into force?

From 16 April 2019.

What do I have to take into account after that date?

The ISPM-15 standard is limited to "raw" wood packaging of more than 6 mm wide, excluding plastic, plywood and cardboard pallets. If you usually use this type of packaging, simply continue using it.

If raw wood pallets are used, you should contact your usual packaging dealer and order fumigated pallets. This type of pallet is commonly used in international trade so they are not complicated to get.

Standard ISPM-15 establishes that packaging that complies with the same must have a mark in the shape similar to a "spike" (see annex). Therefore, the pallet can be reused as long as it has the seal. If it is a repaired pallet and the repaired area is greater than a third of the total, the previous mark must be removed, fumigate the pallet again and stamp a new mark.

Can Agencia Canteras sell me the fumigated pallets?

No, Agencia Canteras is a provider of maritime transport and our services do not include the manufacture or marketing of packaging.

If I deliver a cargo without a fumigated pallet, can Agencia Canteras exchange it for a fumigated one before embarking?

No, our reception warehouses in the mainland are designed to make cross docking, here we would enter into a different activity. This work must be carried out in the factory or in the logistic operator.

If I do not comply with the regulations, what can happen?

The regulations indicate that the border control agency national plant protection organizations can take the following measures: stopping the shipment, removal of material that does not meet the requirements, destruction or return to origin. All costs incurred will be borne by the contractor of the transport.

What control measures will Agencia Canteras take?

The control of the regulations is the responsibility of the Border Inspection Service dependent on the Plant Health Department of the Spanish Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food. Therefore, Agencia Canteras can only act at an informative level with regard to shippers without initially taking any operational measures.

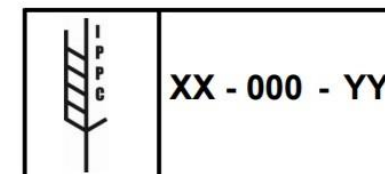
Although the level of inspections on community merchandise is very low, our suggestion, as it cannot be otherwise, is that you try to adapt your packaging in order to comply with the regulations and avoid possible problems.

Standard ISPM-15, how do you know if a pallet has withstood this treatment?

- **wood types:** the standard describes phytosanitary measures associated with raw wood packaging including stowage wood and excludes processed wood (e.g. plywood). The standard defines other very specific exemptions for some wood packaging material.
- **treatments to meet the standard:** the phytosanitary measures of ISPM 15 consist of the use of debarked wood and the application of chemical or physical treatments to the wood:
 - Code HT: conventional heat treatment
 - DH code: heat treatment by dielectric heating
 - MB code: treatment with methyl bromide (limited use)
- **packaging marking:** once the packaging has been treated by an approved packaging manufacturer, it is marked with a specific code. The ISPM-15 standard makes it clear that the application of the mark makes the complementary use of another certification document unnecessary.

DETAIL OF THE "SPIKE" MARK:

- Symbol: this symbol is standard, it resembles to a "spike"
- XX: ISO code of the country of manufacture
- 000: unique manufacturer's code
- YY: treatment code (HT,DH,MB)



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If there is any contradiction between the above and the regulations, the official regulations will always prevail.

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