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On April 3, the Commission on Phytosanitary Measures (CPM) approved amendments to ISPM 15. According to IPPC regulations, amendments are effective when approved. However, each importing country sets its own adoption policies. **Facilities will need to implement the debarked process as soon as possible.**

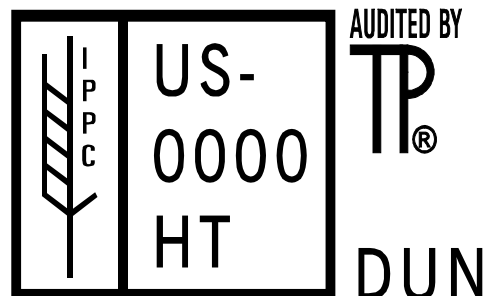
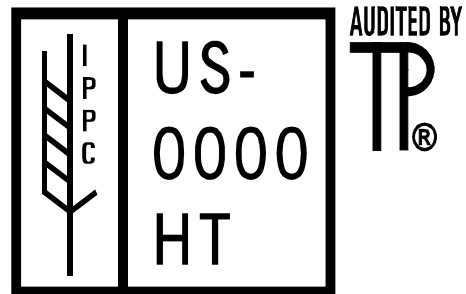
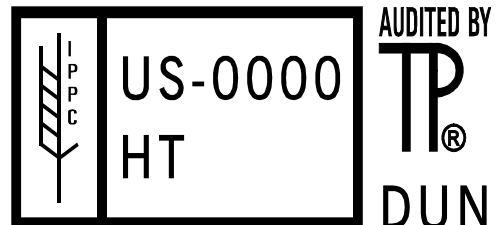
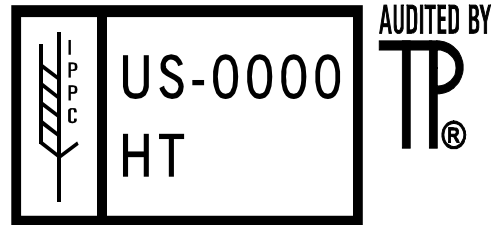
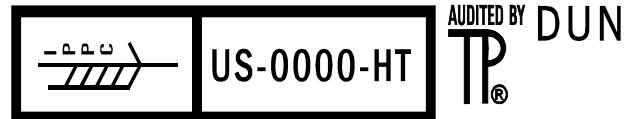
## DEBARKED WOOD (All Countries)



**Fig. 1:** Measure bark across the contoured surface at its greatest width

ISPM 15 has adopted the bark restriction language, aligning the standard with the measures of the EU:

*Up to 3 cm wide unlimited length; if over 3 cm wide, credit card size. See the January 2009 Newsletter at [www.tpinspection.com](http://www.tpinspection.com) for pictorial guide on evaluating bark.*



## CERTIFICATION MARK CHANGES

This requirement states in part "The mark must be rectangular or square in shape and contained within a border line with a vertical line separating the [IPPC] symbol from the code components. To facilitate the use of stenciling, small gaps in the border, the vertical line, and elsewhere among the components of the mark, may be present. No other information shall be contained within the border of the mark. If additional marks (e.g. trademarks of the producer, logo of the authorizing body) are considered useful to protect the use of the mark on a national level, such information may be provided adjacent to but outside of the border of the mark."

To address this, TP will issue marks in the formats shown right.

**As new stamps are ordered**, the new format will be adopted so that transition to the new stamp format takes place in an orderly fashion.

**Existing marks**— until further notice, TP will only need to issue new marks to **replace worn-out marks**.

## REPAIRED WPM NOTES

Despite new language regarding repaired wood packaging material, the ALSC enforcement policy will not change. All repaired wood packaging (regardless of the number of components replaced) will require obliteration of old certification marks and retreatment before re-certification.

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