



IPPC – International Plant Protection Convention

To safeguard native forests against the introduction of wood pests, many countries have established quarantine regulations. To prevent a patchwork of diverse import rules, the Secretariat of the International Plant Protection Convention (IPPC), a division of the Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) of the United Nations, has published ISPM 15 – *International Standards for Phytosanitary Measures: Guidelines for Regulating Wood Packaging Material in International Trade*.

The Swiss company producing TPP wooden holds approval and a license from the Federal Plant Protection Service (EPSD) to perform heat treatments on packaging wood according to the ISPM 15 standard.

ISPM 15 Standard – Phytosanitary Treatment: Heat Treatment (HT)

The approved method for Switzerland is heat treatment (HT), which uses a conventional steam or dry kiln heat chamber.

Key Features of ISPM 15:

- Use of the approved phytosanitary measures heat treatment (HT) to a core temperature of 56 °C for a minimum of 30 minutes
- The pallet (wood packaging material) is marked permanently and legibly, not transferable, placed in a location that is visible when the pallet is in use, on at two opposite sides of the pallet
- ISO code of the country
- 90XXX: Approval number of the company
- The mark and its application (2018) see Fig. 1 and Fig. 2

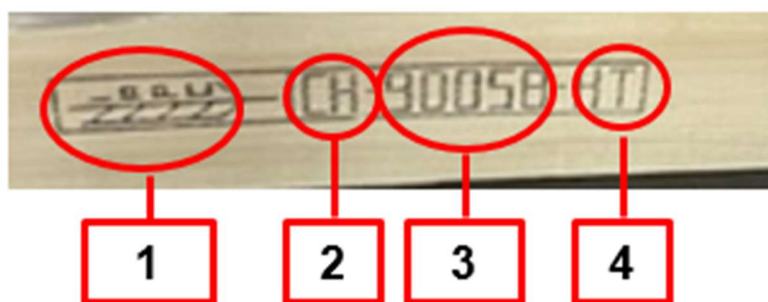
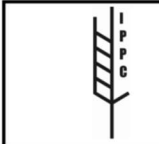

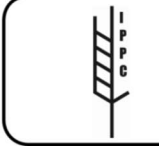
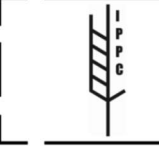
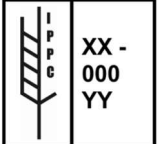



Fig. 1: Example of IPPC mark

1. IPPC symbol
2. Country code to ISO 3166 – CH for Switzerland
3. TPP provider code assigned by the National Plant Protection Organization NPPO, in Switzerland Federal Plant Protection Service (EPSD)
4. IPPC abbreviation of treatment code: HT



Possible Variation of IPPC Mark on Wood Pallets

Example 1  XX - 000 YY	Example 2  XX - 000 YY
Example 3  XX - 000 - YY	Example 4  XX - 000 YY
Example 5  XX - 000 YY	Example 6 (TPP Techno Plastic Products AG)  XX - 000 - YY

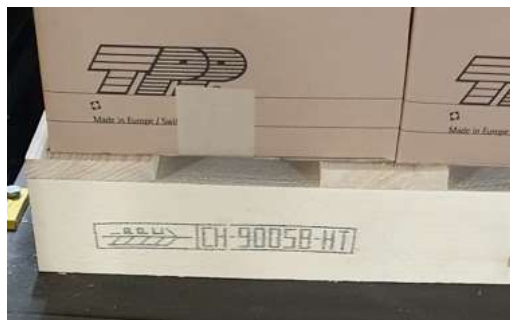


Fig. 2: Mark on TPP pallets

Literature: ISPM 15, Regulation of wood packaging material in international trade, Produced by the Secretariat of the International Plant Protection Convention Adopted 2018; published 2019

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