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U.S. Enforcement of ISPM-15 (International Standards for Phytosanitary Measures No. 15) Marking Requirements Begins on January 1, 2026

[The U.S. Department of Agriculture's \(USDA\) Animal & Plant Health Inspection Service \(APHIS\) reminds stakeholders - temporary suspension of the ISPM 15 hyphen requirement ends December 31, 2025.](#)

As informed earlier in our [Customer Advisory](#) of November 25, 2025, APHIS and CBP have not taken regulatory action on shipments solely missing the hyphen after the country code. Beginning January 1, 2026, APHIS & CBP will resume enforcement of this requirement. All other ISPM 15 provisions remain in effect throughout the suspension and will continue to be enforced. WPM must be marked with the International Plant Protection Convention (IPPC) logo, the two-letter ISO Country Code for the country that treated the WPM, the treatment facility number assigned by the national plant protection organization, and treatment type. The IPPC requires the ISO code and the treatment facility number to be separated by a hyphen (e.g., XX-000).

Source: [USDA-APHIS website](#)



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All Wood Packaging Material (WPM) must be in full compliance with regulations to avoid cargo being held at the port of arrival, mandatory re-export, or penalties. Non-conformance/non-compliance could result in the WPM being separated and re-exported. If it is not feasible to separate the WPM from the imported commodity, entry may be refused, requiring full re-export; CBP also reserves the right to impose penalties based on the nature of the violation, while the importer has the option to divert the shipment to another country where the WPM may be treated to meet the required standards, if the import is enroute and due to arrive prior to the deadline of December 31, 2025.

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