

ISPM 15 Export Compliance Checklist — Heat Treated Wooden Packaging Material (Gauteng, South Africa)

Use this checklist to ensure your wooden packaging meets international phytosanitary requirements before exporting.

1. Packaging Identification

- ☐ Confirm that your packaging is made from **solid wood thicker than 6 mm** (pallets, crates, boxes, dunnage, skids).
- ☐ Exclude **processed wood products** (plywood, MDF, chipboard) — they are exempt.

2. Treatment Requirements

- ☐ Ensure all wood has been **heat treated (HT)** to ISPM 15 standards:
 - Core temperature $\geq 56^{\circ}\text{C}$ for 30 minutes
- ☐ Verify the treatment was performed by a **registered or approved facility**.
- ☐ Keep the **heat treatment certificate or invoice** for records.

3. ISPM 15 Marking

- ☐ Check that each pallet, crate or dunnage piece is clearly **stamped with the ISPM 15 mark**, including:
 - IPPC symbol
 - Country code (**ZA**)
 - Unique treatment provider code
 - Treatment type (**HT**)
- ☐ Ensure the stamp is **visible and permanent** (burned, branded, or printed).
- ☐ Reject packaging with missing, blurred, or fake markings.

4. Documentation & Recordkeeping

- ☐ Keep copies of **treatment certificates** and **supplier invoices**.
- ☐ Store records for **each export consignment**.
- ☐ File documentation with your **export compliance or logistics officer**.

5. Destination Country Check

- ☐ Verify **import requirements** for your destination country (some require KD or special declarations).
- ☐ Ensure **fumigation certificates** if the importing country requests MB (methyl bromide).
- ☐ Confirm all paperwork is attached for customs inspection.

6. Supplier Verification

- ☐ Source pallets, crates and dunnage from **registered ISPM 15 suppliers** (like **Arminel Industries**).
- ☐ Confirm the supplier can provide **HT and IPPC marking** documentation.
- ☐ Request batch numbers for traceability.

7. Final Inspection Before Dispatch

- ☐ Visually inspect pallets and crates for **infestation, mold, or moisture**.
 - ☐ Replace damaged or untreated wood components.
 - ☐ Ensure **all wooden dunnage and blocking** materials are ISPM 15 compliant.
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Reminder:

Failure to meet ISPM 15 standards may lead to shipment rejection, quarantine, or destruction at the destination port.



For ISPM 15 certified packaging in Gauteng, contact:

Arminel Industries

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Your trusted supplier of **heat treated wooden pallets, crates, boxes, dunnage, and timber packaging** for export.