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**Agricultural and Processed Food Products  
Export Development Authority**  
(Ministry of Commerce & Industry, Govt. of India)

## TO ALL EXPORTERS OF APEDA PRODUCTS

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Dear Exporters,

Under the International Plant Protection Convention (IPPC) to which India is a signatory, it is mandatory requirement that any wood packaging material should be compliant with ISPM 15. ISPM 15 requires that all wood packaging material to be debarked and then be treated or fumigated with methyl bromide and stamped with a mark of compliance.

The wood packaging for this purpose which may serve as a pathway for pests, includes crates, boxes, packing cases, dunnage, pallets, cable drums and spools/reels which is used in export consignments including those, that may not be subject to phyto-sanitary inspection. There have been several reported instances of non-compliances in this regard from countries like Germany, USA, Turkey, EU, Chile etc. Any repetition in such notifications is likely to cause disruption of trade through punitive measures by the importing countries which can result in serious financial implications to the exporters.

In view of the above, exporters are cautioned to be vigilant about the desired compliance with ISPM 15 Guidelines for any wood packaging material being used during the process of export of products.

Thanking you,

Yours faithfully,

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