

## WHY PLIB?

Since 2001, Pacific Lumber Inspection Bureau (PLIB) has been providing ISPM 15 HT certification for wood packaging producers throughout the western U.S. and Canada. Established in 1903, PLIB is among the most experienced and knowledgeable accredited certifying agencies. Our program is simple yet thorough, and it's competitively priced. Call us today; we think you'll be surprised at how painless it can be to avoid the major hassles that occur when a shipment is detained at port.

## HOW THE PROGRAM WORKS

As a subscriber in the PLIB ISPM 15 program, your facility will be issued IPPC marks with a unique ID number which you can use to mark your packaging or dunnage. The key element in our program is a monthly audit conducted by one of our inspectors to ensure your facility is in compliance with ISPM 15 rules. A small monthly fee covers the cost of the inspections.

In addition to providing the necessary monthly site inspections, your PLIB inspector will work with you and your crew to help your team understand the program requirements and establish protocols to ensure you'll meet the ISPM 15 standard.

*In January 2019, PLIB merged with West Coast Lumber Inspection Bureau (WCLIB) and American Institute of Timber Construction (AITC) to form one of the world's largest and broadest-based wood products quality control, inspection and certification organizations.*

*PLIB provides inspection and certification services for lumber and timbers, glulam, wood packaging, wood trusses, CLT and other wood products for members in the United States, Canada and Europe. PLIB is an independent, non-profit organization approved by ALSC, CLSAB, and IAS as an accredited third-party auditing agency for a variety of programs including lumber grade rules writing, grade stamping, HT certification, CE marking and California WUI certification.*



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# ISPM 15 Wood Packaging



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## PICTURE THIS:

You've just received notice that an export shipment packed in your wooden pallet or crate has been denied entry by a customs official. You're told the wood packaging you supplied lacks the proper certifications and the shipment will have to be fumigated before it's released, or worse, it's being sent back at the exporter's expense. The angry exporter who used your packaging is on the phone wondering how you plan to resolve the situation.

This can happen if your wood pallets, crates or dunnage are not ISPM 15 certified.

The time to call PLIB to get certified is before this story becomes your reality.

With ISPM 15 certification from PLIB, it's easy to ensure your shipments make it all the way to their destination — and the cost is much less than when a pallet or container is held for fumigation, sent back or destroyed at the port of entry.

The risk isn't worth it. Avoid unnecessary costs and delays.

Call PLIB to get certified today.

## WHAT IS ISPM 15?

ISPM 15 is an international standard that provides approved phytosanitary measures for the manufacture of wood packaging. It was developed by the International Plant Protection Convention (IPPC) to protect the world's forests from non-native invasive pests. These pathogens, which can devastate forests if allowed to spread, have been known to travel from country to country in the untreated solid wood packaging and dunnage used in international trade.

The current version of ISPM 15 recognizes two treatment measures for wood packaging: fumigation and heat treatment (HT). Wood packaging shipped to any country that has adopted ISPM 15 must be labeled with either the IPPC HT mark or the IPPC MB (fumigation) mark. Shipments that enter ports without the certification mark can be detained and fumigated and/or the shipment may be refused and sent back to the port of origin or destroyed, all at the shipper's expense.

More than 75 countries worldwide have adopted ISPM 15 HT and the list is growing.

In order to meet those requirements, the packaging manufacturer must subscribe to an ISPM 15 HT certifying agency such as PLIB.

## BOTTOM LINE?

If you make wood packaging or dunnage used to ship products internationally you cannot afford to go without certification. **Call PLIB today at 253-835-3344 to set up an initial inspection.**

