

Preventing Pests in Wood Packaging with a New Private Sector Initiative

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ISPM 15 violations are very expensive to shippers in terms of time and money (and mental health).

Enhanced enforcement of ISPM 15 costing US importers millions

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Relying on the ISPM 15 mark can be a very costly mistake.



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Over 95% of wood-boring insects found by CBP inspections are found in wood marked as ISPM 15 compliant.

What can shippers do to ensure that WPM is pest-free?

- Most international cargo is inspected before shipment by inspection companies:
 - Intertek
 - SGS
 - Bureau Veritas
 - Many others
- We plan to train staff of these companies to inspect for invasives:
 - Pests in WPM
 - Other possible violations such as seeds in shipping containers

Partnership for the Environmental Security of Trade (PEST) Program

- Establish a non-profit to organize regular training workshops.
- Engage USDA and CBP staff to provide hands-on and classroom-based training.
- Issue a certificate of training. Companies can include this capability in their list of services provided to shippers.
- Collect data on violations found by inspection companies and create a database.

PEST Program: A Public-Private Partnership

- Houston Wood Packaging Coalition
- Cary Institute of Ecosystem Studies
- USDA-APHIS (Jon Daniels and others)
- CBP (Christine Gina, Stephen Brady and others)
- West Gulf Maritime Association
- Private inspection companies



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