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Quote Of The Month

Nothing can stop the man with the right mental attitude from achieving his goal; nothing on earth can help the man with the wrong mental attitude...

*" Thomas
Jefferson"*

Customer Service

"I have been so pleased with your services and everyone there. The girls in the office are wonderful, always helpful, efficient and extremely nice.

Keep up the great work!"

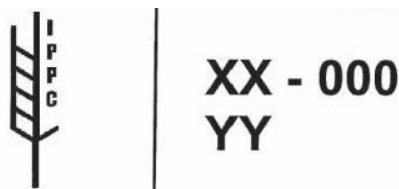
International Crating Requirements

International Plant Protection Convention Standard for Wood Packaging Material

We are frequently asked questions related to the required standards for crating material used on over seas shipments. The article below will help explain the requirements and the material standards required. When you have a need for international crating, you can rest assured that CMS is fully compliant with all standards.

What are the Standards?

The U.S. Department of Agriculture's (USDA) Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) has amended the Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) to incorporate the requirements of the International Standards for Phytosanitary Measures (ISPM): Guidelines for Regulating Wood Packaging Material (WPM) in International Trade. The approved treatments are heat treatment to a minimum wood core temperature of 56 °C for a minimum of 30 minutes or fumigation with methyl bromide (MB). The WPM also must be marked with the IPPC logo (see example below).



WPM made entirely of wood pieces less than 6 mm thick in any dimension, or made entirely of manufactured wood such as plywood, particleboard, or oriented strand board is exempt from the treatment and marking requirements. Other manufactured wood that is outside the scope of this regulation includes whiskey barrels, wood packing that serves as gift boxes (add value to the commodity and remain intact with the product to the end user), and crating associated with antiques, such as art pieces or vintage wines. Determination for such predated materials will be based on the age of the antiquity or vintage of the wine.

Do all my international crates need to follow this standard regardless of country?

Yes, regardless of what country you are shipping to all crates must have a visible stamp.

What if i have a crate with no visible stamp?

Most lumber sold in stores is IPPC rated and contains the marking. If you do encounter crates that do not have any visible signs of a stamp, If the crate is made entirely from manufactured wood then you are ok to ship. If the WPM is non compliant and you need a stamp you will need to have a representative take the empty crates to a ippc compliant lumber yard that has a facility that will kiln dry and treat your boxes before stamping them for use. The last option would be to rebuild your crates with ippc stamped materials to avoid customs problems.

Do I need to provide paper work?

No, as long as the stamp is visible. CMS vendors that are used to complete your international crating needs are trained and carry the necessary certification and stamp if a crate is needed.

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For more information on the wood packaging material regulation, please visit this Web site:
www.aphis.usda.gov/ppg/swp/import.html

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Christine's Kitchen

Warm Spinach Artichoke Dip
-Great for those Holidays Parties-

- 1 box frozen chopped spinach
- 1 jar 16 oz artichoke hearts (chop smaller)
- 1 small onion chopped 1 cup parmesan cheese
- 1 cup Mayonnaise (I use Helmann's made with olive oil)
- 2 tbsp of butter
- 3 tbsp fresh chopped parsley Cayanne pepper, red pepper, salt, garlic powder to taste (to make it spicy!)

Cook spinach in microwave in oven safe bowl for 3-4 min. DRAIN WELL and pat excess water with paper towels. Saute chopped onions in butter for approx. 2 min. Add spinach, artichokes, and seasoning to pan and saute additional 2 min. Transfer spinach mixture into large bowl. Add ¾ cup of the parmesan cheese, and mayo. Mix well, transfer to large pie plate. Cook at 375 degrees for 20-25 min. Top with remaining parmesan cheese and serve with corn chips.

Thank You

We are always open to new procedures and data concerning our industry, interesting facts, or tricks-of-the-trade when it comes to the moving and third party services. If you would like to submit a brief article, tip, a wonderful experience you have had using CMS, recipe or fun facts please forward them to the email below.

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