NOTIFICATION

The following notification is being circulated in accordance with Article 10.6.

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| **1.** | **Notifying Member:** SPAIN  **If applicable, name of local government involved (Articles 3.2 and 7.2):** |
| **2.** | **Agency responsible:** *Ministerio de Agricultura y Pesca, Alimentación y Medio Ambiente* (Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries, Food and the Environment)  **Name and address (including telephone and fax numbers, email and website addresses, if available) of agency or authority designated to handle comments regarding the notification shall be indicated if different from above:**  *Dirección General de Sanidad de la Producción Agraria* (Directorate-General of Agrarian Health)  Tel.: (+34) 91347 5042  Fax: (+34) 91347 8248  [Bzn-dgspa@mapama.es](mailto:Bzn-dgspa@mapama.es)  <http://www.mapama.gob.es/es/> |
| **3.** | **Notified under Article 2.9.2 [X], 2.10.1 [ ], 5.6.2 [ ], 5.7.1 [ ], other:** |
| **4.** | **Products covered (HS or CCCN where applicable, otherwise national tariff heading. ICS numbers may be provided in addition, where applicable):**  HS code 44. Wood packaging material, of a thickness exceeding 6mm, such as packing cases, boxes, crates, drums and similar packings, pallets, box pallets and other load boards, pallet collars, dunnage, which are used or not used for the transport of goods of all kinds.  The following are not covered:  (a) Wood in the rough, of a thickness not exceeding 6mm;  (b) Wood packaging made entirely from processed wood material, such as plywood, particle board, oriented strand board and veneer which are produced using glue, heat and pressure, or a combination thereof;  (c) Barrels of wine and spirits that have been heated during manufacture, to ensure that they are free of pests, in accordance with the requirements established by this Order;  (d) Gift boxes for wine, cigars and other commodities made from wood that has been processed and/or manufactured in a way that renders it free of pests;  (e) Sawdust, wood shaving, wood wool;  (f) Wood components permanently attached to freight vehicles and containers. |
| **5.** | **Title, number of pages and language(s) of the notified document:** *Proyecto de orden por la que se establecen los requisitos fitosanitarios para la entrada de embalajes y estibas de madera en la Comunidad Autónoma de Canarias* (Draft Order establishing the phytosanitary requirements for the entry of wood packaging material and dunnage into the Autonomous Community of the Canary Islands) (3 pages, in Spanish) |
| **6.** | **Description of content:** The notified Order establishes the phytosanitary technical standard to be met by wood packaging material, including wood dunnage, in accordance with International Standards for Phytosanitary Measures (ISPM) No. 15: Regulation of wood packaging material in international trade, for the entry of wood packaging material and dunnage into the Autonomous Community of the Canary Islands. |
| **7.** | **Objective and rationale, including the nature of urgent problems where applicable:** Due to the particular agro-climatic and ecological conditions in the Canary Islands, it was necessary to establish a specific regulation on plant health.  This regulation seeks to protect the phytosanitary status of the archipelago from pests and other harmful organisms that may be introduced through imports of plants, plant products and other items.  This regulation is set out in the Order of 12 March 1987 establishing phytosanitary standards, for the Canary Islands, on the importation, exportation and transit of plants and plant products.  Wood packaging material and dunnage accompanying consignments in international trade have been found to be vectors of pests. This risk has been assessed through the International Plant Protection Convention under which International Standards for Phytosanitary Measures (ISPM) No. 15: Regulation of wood packaging material in international trade, of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations, was created, which seeks to reduce the risk of quarantine pests being introduced and spread via international trade movements of raw wood packaging material.  It is necessary to establish compliance with the terms contained in ISPM No. 15 for wood packaging material and dunnage that are imported into or enter the Autonomous Community of the Canary Islands. |
| **8.** | **Relevant documents:**  <http://www.mapama.gob.es/es/agricultura/participacion-publica/Orden_MAPAMA_NIMF15_IICC_rev.aspx> |
| **9.** | **Proposed date of adoption:** 1 October 2018  **Proposed date of entry into force:** 5 April 2019 |
| **10.** | **Final date for comments:** 60 days from the date of notification. |
| **11.** | **Texts available from: National enquiry point [X] or address, telephone and fax numbers and email and website addresses, if available, of other body:**  <http://www.mapama.gob.es/es/agricultura/participacion-publica/Orden_MAPAMA_NIMF15_IICC_rev.aspx> |