



**Australian Wood Packaging Certification Scheme Update**  
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- 1. There are now 185 certified facilities participating in the AWPCS** (200 certification numbers have been issued, 15 facilities are no longer participating).
- 2. Norway has confirmed the intent to enforce ISPM 15 from 1 January 2008.** Wood packaging material used in exports to Norway (including packing cases and boxes, crates, drums and similar packing, pallets, box pallets and other load boards, pallet collars, as well as wood used to wedge or support cargo) must have been treated and marked according to ISPM 15.
- 3. United Wooden Case Company (#020) are no longer certified under the AWPCS as of 23 March 2007.** AQIS recognises all wood packaging produced by this company prior to 23 March 2007 bearing the certification number 020 as ISPM 15 compliant.
- 4. An Industry Advice Notice (IAN 2007 - 27: Improper use of marks) was issued on 06 August 2007** to remind industry that only companies certified under the AWPCS are permitted to apply the internationally recognised certification mark to wood packaging in Australia. Exporters are advised to check the AWPCS Register to confirm the certification status of companies. IAN 2007-27 is attached to this update.
- 5. AQIS has received several non-compliance notices recently from ISPM 15 countries.** Action taken has varied from destruction of the packaging to rejection of the goods. Exporters are reminded of the responsibility to comply with importing country requirements.
- 6. The AWPCS register, a list of country implementation dates for ISPM 15, and contact details for certification bodies can be found on the AQIS website on the following link:**  
<http://www.daffa.gov.au/aqis/export/timber/ispm15>.