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MEMO

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TO : ALL IMPORTERS

RE: TREATMENT OF WOOD PACKAGING MATERIAL

We have since established that some Importers are bringing in wood packaging material that has not been treated as required in International Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measure (ISPM) No. 15. Always bear in mind that untreated wood packaging material is a major pathway for the introduction and spread of dangerous quarantine pest that can easily destroy all the forest cover that the country is trying to rehabilitate.

Thus, it is prudent for all Importers to ensure any wood packaging material imported to this Country has been properly treated and marked in accordance to requirements laid down in ISPM No. 15, which Kenya is a signatory.

This will ensure that such goods are cleared on time and without delay.

James K. Wahome
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