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Department of Agriculture

ISPM 15 Implementation in Australia

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Management of ISPM 15 through an Australian system

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The Australian Wood Packaging Certification Scheme - Overview

Department of Agriculture (NPPO):
Overarching responsibility for the AWPCS.

Joint Accreditation System of Australia and New Zealand:
Accredits third party certification bodies under the AWPCS.

Certification Bodies: Assess applications and undertake onsite audits.

Treatment Providers and Manufacturers

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1. The Australian Government Department of Agriculture

Overarching responsibility for the AWPCS

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Department of Agriculture (DA) is the National Plant Protection Organisation of Australia.

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Main functions: Department of Agriculture (DA)

Issue certification numbers for use by approved treatment providers and/or manufacturers.

- Respond to technical inquiries
- Provide a unique certification number to approved treatment providers and manufacturers
- Maintain the department website
- Maintain the AWPCS register
- Regularly review the AWPCS, and provide updates detailing requirements of ISPM 15
- Interact with the third party accreditation body, JAS-ANZ
- Liaise with international government agencies
- Investigate non-compliance

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2. Joint Accreditation System of Australia and New Zealand

Accredits third party certification bodies under the AWPCS

Organisation approved by the Department of Agriculture to accredit certification bodies to audit and certify facilities suitable for ISPM 15 manufacture and treatment of wood packaging material.

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Main functions: JAS-ANZ


- Accredit AWPCS certification bodies
- Maintain consistency of AWPCS certification body audits throughout Australia
- Perform on-going monitoring of certification bodies
- Liaise with certification bodies and DA
- Notify DA of any changes to accreditation status of certification bodies

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3. Certification Bodies

Assess applications and undertake onsite audits

A company or organisation accredited by the accreditation body (JAS-ANZ) to assess the suitability of a treatment provider or wood packaging manufacturer for certification under the AWPCS.




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Main functions: Certification bodies

Assess applications and undertake onsite audits of treatment providers and manufacturers.

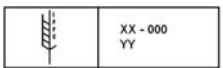
- Conduct an initial site audit and assess the application
- Review applicant's quality manual
- Conduct verification audits of each facility at six-monthly intervals and provide to DA
- Notify DA in writing of any changes to a treatment provider or manufacturer's status



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4. Treatment Providers and Manufacturers

Apply the internationally recognised ISPM 15 mark which includes the Department of Agriculture issued unique certification number to wooden packaging material treated as per the AWPCS



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Main functions: Treatment Providers and Manufacturers

Adhere to the requirements of ISPM 15 and the AWPCS.

- Comply with all relevant legislation, safety codes, or licensing to the State/Territory where the treatment is performed
- Ensure all treatments are performed as specified in the AWPCS
- Ensure all staff are aware of the AWPCS requirements and appropriately trained
- Assist the certification body with audits
- Apply the ISPM 15 certification mark correctly
- Destruction of the ISPM 15 certification mark upon withdrawal or cancellation from the AWPCS

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