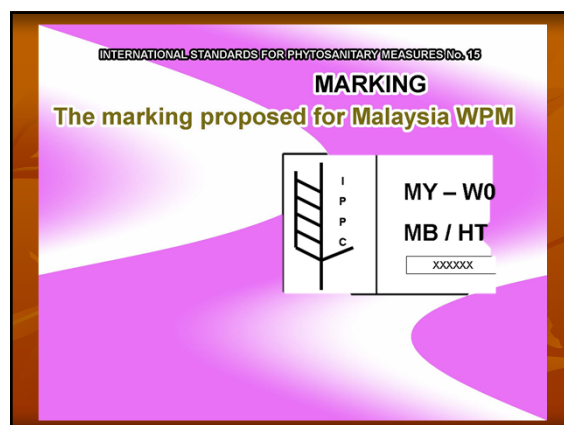


MALAYSIA EXPERIENCES IN IMPLEMENTING ISPM 15 OF THE WOOD PACKAGING MATERIAL (WPM)

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- ### INTRODUCTION
- WPMs are made from raw woods and often untreated to mitigate pests
 - They are the pathway to quarantine pests and pose high risk when the origin could not be ascertain and re-use by importing country for export
 - IPM 15 provide the acceptable standard to mitigate risk associated with WPMs
 - Approved treatment measures and specified mark (IPPC marking) are the basis for authorizing the entry of WPM without further requirements



- ### Malaysia Experiences in Implementing ISPM 15 (1/3)
- Start registration treatment providers in 2004 (MB Fumigation and Heat Treatment) to facilitate export compliance and in place procedure to meet the requirements of the importing countries that implemented ISPM 15
 - In that year, several road shows was conducted to all treatment providers and exporters on ISPM 15 and implementation procedure

Malaysia Experience in Implementing ISPM 15 (2/3)

- ❑ In 2005, Malaysia joined Australian Fumigation Accreditation Scheme (AFAS)
- ❑ Based on these standards, Malaysia established Fumigation (MAFAS)
- ❑ Based on ISPM 15, Heat Treatment Accreditation Scheme (MATHAS) was established
- ❑ The SOP for the implementation of these schemes have been publish as guideline for officers and the treatment service providers

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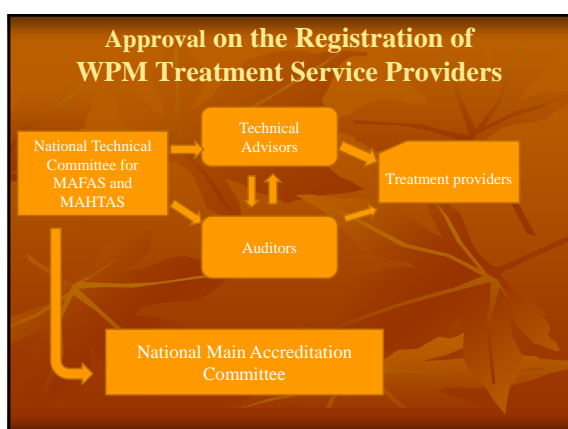
- ❑ Training on AFAS Standard was conducted in 2005 by officers from Australian Quarantine Inspection Services (AQIS) Australia to relevant DOA Officers and Treatment Service Providers
- ❑ These Treatment Providers that undergone the AFAS training also been accredited as AFAS competent service providers
- ❑ In 2007, Training were also conducted by DOA on Heat Treatment standard to DOA Officers and Heat Treatment Providers based on ISPM 15

Malaysia Experience in Implementing ISPM 15 (3/3)

- ❑ In 2009, road show to importers was conducted to inform them on the implementation of ISPM 15 for import
- ❑ Notification to WTO to inform trading partners on the implementation of ISPM 15 for import
- ❑ In 2010, Malaysia start the implementation of ISPM 15 for import

Procedure for Registration of WPM Treatment Service Providers

- Application – company name, competent personnel, licenses, location and description of facilities
- Auditing – equipment, record keeping, practical competency, storage and safety



Monitoring

- Registration number
- Treatment Batch Running Numbers
- Record Keeping
- Unannounced Audit
- Renewal Audit
- Notification from Importing countries

Non Compliance

- Investigation by auditors
- Suspension until Approved corrective measures
- Re-auditing
- Delisting from registration

Problem and Constraints (1/2)

- Difficult to Inspection non agriculture products that have WPM normally not inspected by Quarantine Inspector
- No Marking for the above WPM and treatment could not be conducted
- No expiry date of treatment especially for re-export
- Sampling is based on non-statistical method and only 10% of the accessible area.
- Forgery of WPM making difficult to trace especially when they use the other company valid registration number

Problem and Constraints (2/2)

- Handling of WPM after treatment such as storage and transits
- Lack of man power to conduct unannounced audit to ensure compliance to the standard especially on record keeping
- Re-use and repairing of WPM by importing country for export did not comply to the making requirement and re-treatment

List of Approved Accredited Treatment Providers

- MB Fumigation – 79 Companies
- Heat Treatment – 44 Companies
- List registered approve service providers are published in www.doa.gov.my

