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Agri-Food & Veterinary Authority



APPPC/NPPO JOINT WORKSHOP ON ISPM NO. 15. REGULATION OF WOOD PACKAGING MATERIAL IN INTERNATIONAL TRADE 10 -14 JUNE 2014 BEIJING, CHINA

Implementation of ISPM No. 15 in Singapore

- *Not implemented for import
- *Implemented for export to meet importing countries requirements and facilitate trade
- *AVA accredits treatment providers to perform fumigation and heat treatment under ISPM No. 15

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Implementation of ISPM No. 15 in Singapore

- * All 48 treatment providers under the Treatment Provider Scheme (TPS)
- *Adherence to requirements stated in the Scheme with strong oversight by AVA
 - general requirements
 - documentation and records
 - submission of reports
 - technical competency

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Implementation of ISPM No. 15 in Singapore

- *Adherence to requirements stated in the Scheme ... continue
 - training
 - equipment
 - technical requirements
 - facility requirements
 - product
 - treatment monitoring
 - issuance of treatment certificates
 - treatment records
 - audit and follow up
 - routine compliance evaluation

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Implementation of ISPM No. 15 in Singapore

- *Adherence to requirements stated in the Scheme ... continue
 - non compliances
 - corrective actions
 - suspension
 - reinstatement
 - termination

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Sanction Measures for Non Compliances to TPS

Suspension for minimum 1 month

- Notice of "unacceptable status" or "improper treatment" from overseas country
- Occurrence of more than 3 major non compliances in one calendar year
- Failure to report changes made to treatment operations or implement without prior approval from AVA
- Conduct treatment without designated supervising personnel or trained treatment operator
- Conduct treatment without abiding by legislative requirements of other government agencies

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Sanction Measures for Non Compliances to TPS

Suspension for minimum 1 month

- Non payment of audit service conducted by AVA
- Two critical non compliances in one calendar year
- Evidence of inactivity for six months

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Sanction Measures for Non Compliances to TPS

Reinstatement

- Complies with all corrective actions, changes and conditions for reinstatement prescribed by AVA
- Desk and site audit by AVA
- Application for reinstatement processed after suspension period

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Sanction Measures for Non Compliances to TPS

Termination

- Misuse of TPS certification mark or accreditation, falsification of the treatment certificate
- Fraud or misrepresentation of any records, declaration, statement
- Commits more than 3 critical non compliances in one calendar year
- Conditions for reinstatement from a suspension are not met within specified time
- Inactive for 12 months

Treatment provider requests for termination

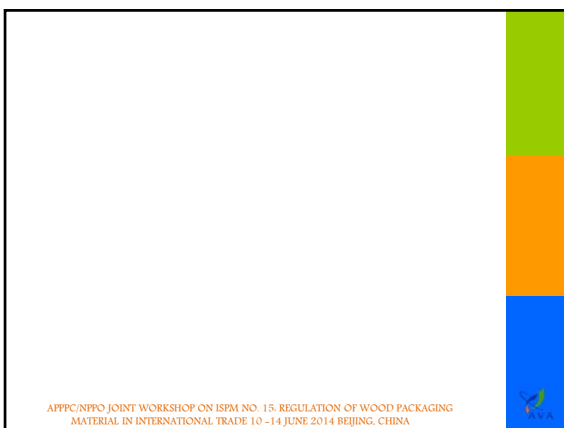
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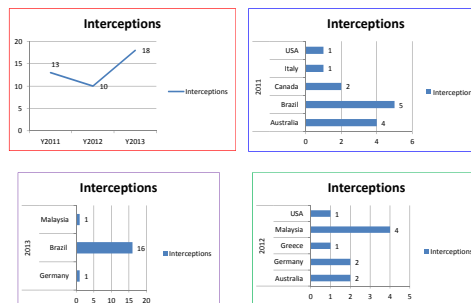
Challenges Encountered in Addressing Non Compliances

1. Limited resources available to check and audit
2. Time required to train technically competent staff
3. Promote appreciation/awareness on the importance of plant health and phytosanitary measures
4. Appeal against sanction measures

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Non Compliances Notification

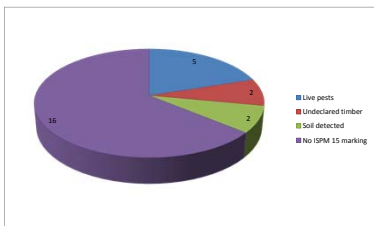


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Non Compliances Notification

Profile : Types of Non compliances associated with SWPMs from 2011-13



Type of Non-compliance	Count
Live pests	16
Undeclared timber	5
Soil detected	2
No ISPM 15 marking	7

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Observations

1. Some exporting companies are foreign companies
2. Inadequate information (i) only names and address of companies and the number of interceptions related to the companies stated, (ii) ISPM identifier (SG-02-HT-DB)
3. Notifications received at six months interval

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Suggestions

1. Timely notification for effective corrective actions
2. Establish bilaterally (maybe) a timeframe for notification, corrective actions and report on corrective actions to reduce repeat non compliances by the same companies
3. Communication, besides thru IPPC contact point, with operational personnel as well

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Suggestions

4. Adequate information provided for investigation:
 - Name and address of exporter
 - Mode and means of transport
 - Documents (bill of lading, phytosanitary/treatment certificate number if applicable, invoice)
 - Description of the SWPMs
 - Distinguishing marks on SWPMs
 - Quantity not in compliance

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