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“IPPC & FAO” REGULATIONS

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The IPPC – ISPM #15 Regulations, with respect to the importing and exporting of all wood packaging *regardless* if the package is of hardwood and softwood packaging products, are being implemented in 3 phases starting September 16, 2005 and ending July 4, 2006.

WHAT REMMEY MUST DO TO MEET THE HEAT TREATMENT ASPECT OF THE “IPPC – ISPM #15” REGULATIONS

As a hardwood and softwood pallet mill, inspectors must verify that we are subjecting all lumber intended for export to heat treatment reaching 56° centigrade for a minimum of 30 minutes. As a packaging manufacturer, inspectors must verify that our wooden pallets, containers, cases or similar products use lumber which has been heat treated in accordance with the Regulations. Inspections must be conducted twelve times a year, typically once a month. All compliant products will be stamped with the licensed IPPC logo certifying the wood packaging materials meet the international standard.

WHAT HAPPENS IF YOU FAIL TO COMPLY WITH THE IPPC REGULATIONS

Goods shipped on (non-stamped) packaging products with non-compliant lumber will likely be held at the point of destination for heat or fumigation application, repackaged, or may be returned to the point of shipment.

The American Lumber Standard Committee’s (ALSC) Enforcement Regulations of the International Plant Protection Congress (IPPC) Regulations of Wood Packaging Material for International Trade require twelve inspections annually of saw mills and packaging manufacturers, and the stamping of compliant products. Under administration the ALSC these regulations have applied for almost two years to U.S. softwood facilities exporting to certain destinations, but had been postponed as respect to hardwood facilities until resolution of legal problems concerning the stamp has been determined. Moreover, any certified facility not compliant with the Regulations may have its stamp suspended until those changes necessary to bring it into compliance are completed.

REMMY “The Pallet Company” has received its “IPPC” certification and is audited by Package Research Laboratory LLC (PRL), one of the largest entities among those accredited by the ALSC to conduct inspections of U.S. facilities. PRL is also active in inspections in the European Union and is familiar with import Regulations applicable in that region.

Do not hesitate to call Bill Schneider, Vice President of Sales at 800-PALLET 5 (800-725-5385) with any questions you may have concerning IPPC Regulations. REMMEY’S Help Line is free of charge and its use is without obligation on your part.

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