

Necessary international standards to regulate sterilization procedures for export (ISPM No. 15) are now in effect.

Standards for sterilization treatment

Heat Treatment (HT)

Packaging material must be heated to a minimum core temperature of 56 degrees centigrade for a minimum of 30 minutes.

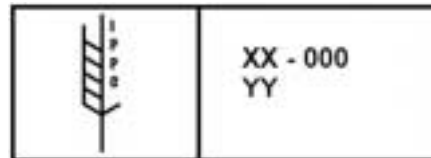
Methyl Bromide (MB) Fumigation

Depending on temperature, MB concentration should be in the range of 48-64g/m³

Minimum exposure time is 24 hours.

Treated packing materials must clearly display the mark as shown below. Approval to use this mark is issued by the NPPO of an exporting country or by an organization officially recognized by the NPPO.

* Wooden packing materials include both packaging and containers such as pallets, dunnage, crates etc.



In cases where wooden packaging materials lack the appropriate mark, an inspection by a monitoring officer is required at the point of entry.



Important contact numbers

Yokohama Plant Protection Station	045-211-7152
Kawasaki Branch	044-288-3408
Sapporo Sub Station	011-852-1809
Kushiro Branch	0154-22-4291
Muroran & Tomakomai Branch	0144-33-2913
Shiogama Sub Station	022-362-6916
Hachinohe Branch	0178-33-5424
Ishinomaki Branch	0225-95-0261
Narita Sub Station	0476-32-6690
Tokyo Sub Station	03-3599-1137
Kashima Branch	0299-92-3404
Chiba Branch	043-242-8401
Niigata Sub Station	025-244-4401
Akita Branch	018-845-1411
Nagoya Plant Protection Station	052-651-0112
Yokkaichi Branch	059-352-3896
Fushiki Toyama Sub Station	0766-44-0990
Shimizu Sub Station	054-352-3775
Toyohashi Branch	0532-32-1156
Chubu Airport Sub Station	0569-38-8439
Kobe Plant Protection Station	078-331-2386
Osaka Sub Station	06-6571-0801
Maizuru Branch	0773-75-0759
Kansai Airport Sub Station	072-455-1938
Hiroshima Sub Station	082-251-5881
Mizushima Branch	086-444-6001
Onomichi Branch	0848-22-6642
Sakaide Sub Station	0877-46-4108
Moji Plant Protection Station	093-321-2601
Shimonoseki Branch	0832-66-4442
Fukuoka Sub Station	092-291-2504
Fukuoka Airport Branch	092-477-7577
Kagoshima Sub Station	099-222-1046
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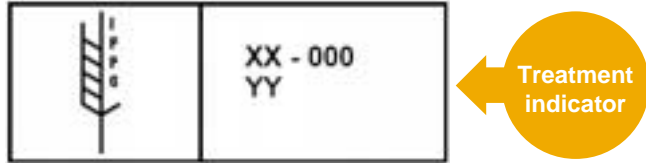
Are you aware? Plant Material Quarantine.

In April 2007, quarantine measures on imported wooden packaging materials will be enacted to prevent damage to forests caused by the introduction of non-native insects.

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Plant Protection Station
Please help stop crop damage from foreign insects
The Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries of JAPAN
<http://www.pps.go.jp>

When using wooden packaging materials for import of freight from abroad, please use only those materials properly marked in accordance with international standards.



XX : ISO Country Code
 000 : Identification Number for the NPPO approved producer of the wooden packaging material.
 YY : Abbreviation for the treatment method used (HT, MB)

Wooden packaging materials primarily targeted for inspection:



① Skids



② Wooden Drums



③ Battens



④ Wooden Crates



⑤ Wooden Crates



⑥ Wooden Crates



⑦ Wooden Cases



⑧ Wooden Pegs



⑨ Wooden Pallets reinforced with Battens

Notice : If these items display the required markings, they need not be subjected to quarantine inspection.

Packaging materials not requiring quarantine inspection:



① Wedges made from LVL (laminated veneer lumber)



② Pallets made from plywood



③ Skids made from particleboard



④ Pallets made from particleboard



⑤ Dunnage made from particleboard



⑥ Pallets made from paper

Notice : These items do not require special markings.