FOEN - ISPM 15 wooden packaging

1. General

1.1 Background

The wooden packaging used in international goods trade can bring dangerous pests into the country. They can inflict huge damage on native flora and fauna. To prevent such pests from entering the country, International Standard for Phytosanitary Measures No. 15 (ISPM 15) requires that wooden packaging be treated with heat or gas. However, as these measures are not sufficiently implemented in some countries, imports of certain categories of goods from third countries are subject to declaration and inspection requirements.

Goods subject to the declaration requirement must be notified to the FOEN two days before being imported.

1.2 Legal basis and information

- FOEN Ordinance on Phytosanitary Measures for the Forest (PhyMO-FOEN, SR *916.202.2*)

- Form "Prior import notification for products with wooden packaging" (German, French, Italian)

1.3 Reference in Tares

Tariff items carrying an increased phytosanitary risk contain the note "Non-customs provisions: FOEN-ISPM15".

1.4 Definitions

Goods subject to declaration requirement	Goods subject to the declaration requirement are listed in section 1.2 of Annex 4 to the PhyMO-FOEN.

2. Information in the customs/goods declaration

Anyone importing wooden packaging from third countries that is subject to the declaration requirement must provide an indication in the goods declaration regarding the regulation requirement and enter the number of the notification to the FOEN ("prior notification of wooden packaging").

Identification Regulation	e-dec: - NZE mandatory code "yes" - NZE type code "FOEN-ISPM15"
	Passar: - Regulation "yes" - Regulation code "430 FOEN-ISPM15"
Additional details	- Supporting document "Prior notification of wooden packaging"[1]

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[1] Declaration in e-dec: Supporting document "Prior notification of wooden packaging"
Declaration in Passar: Supporting document "2301 – prior notification of wooden packaging"