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Committee on Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures

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NOTIFICATION

1.	Member to Agreement notifying: <u>HONDURAS</u> If applicable, name of local government involved: <i>Secretaría de Industria y Comercio - SIC (Ministry of Industry and Trade)</i>
2.	Agency responsible: <i>Secretaría de Agricultura y Ganadería - SAG (Ministry of Agriculture and Livestock)</i>
3.	Products covered (provide tariff item number(s) as specified in national schedules deposited with the WTO; ICS numbers should be provided in addition, where applicable): All products exported to Honduras in wood packaging material
4.	Regions or countries likely to be affected, to the extent relevant or practicable: All trading partners
5.	Title, language and number of pages of the notified document: <i>Reglamento para Embalaje de Madera Utilizado en el Comercio Internacional (Regulations on wood packaging material in international trade).</i>
6.	Description of content: The purpose of these Regulations, which are mandatory throughout national territory, is to: (a) Establish the phytosanitary measures for wood packaging material in use in international trade in goods, the technical specifications thereof, and the use of the globally recognized mark attesting to the application of such measures; (b) lay down the requirements governing the use of this mark on wood packaging material used for the importation and exportation of goods; (c) establish guidelines to facilitate the inspection at entry points into the country of wood packaging material used for the importation of goods, with a view to reducing the risk of pest introduction. This document is consistent with International Standards for Phytosanitary Measures (ISPM) No. 15: <i>Guidelines for Regulating Wood Packaging Material in International Trade</i> , adopted on 15 March 2002 by the Interim Commission on Phytosanitary Measures (ICPM) of the International Plant Protection Convention (IPPC) of the Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO).
7.	Objective and rationale: ☐ food safety, ☐ animal health, ☒ plant protection, ☐ protect humans from animal/plant pest or disease, ☒ protect territory from other damage from pests

8. International standard, guideline or recommendation: ☐ Codex Alimentarius Commission, ☐ World Organization for Animal Health (OIE), ☒ International Plant Protection Convention, ☐ None If an international standard, guideline or recommendation exists, give the appropriate reference and briefly identify deviations: International Standards for Phytosanitary Measures (ISPM) No. 15: <i>Guidelines for Regulating Wood Packaging Material in International Trade</i>, approved and published by the FAO International Plant Protection Convention.
9. Relevant documents and language(s) in which these are available: <i>Reglamento para Embalaje de Madera Utilizado en el Comercio Internacional</i> (Regulations on wood packaging material in international trade) (15 pages, in Spanish).
10. Proposed date of adoption: 25 February 2006
11. Proposed date of entry into force: Upon publication in the Official Journal, <i>La Gaceta</i>.
12. Final date for comments: - Agency or authority designated to handle comments: ☐ National notification authority, ☒ National enquiry point or address, fax number and E-mail address (if available) of other body: Secretaría de Agricultura y Ganadería Dirección General de Sanidad Agropecuaria (SENASA) Blvd. Centro América, Ave. La FAO, República de Honduras Tel.: (504) 231-0786 Fax: (504) 239-1144 Web site: www.senasa-sag.gob.hn
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