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QUARANTINE POSITION ON IMPORTATION USING PALLETS AND OTHER SOLID WOOD PACKAGING MATERIALS (UPDATE)

Following enquiries from our clients, who are importers and exporters of agricultural produce, on the permissible conditions for the use of Solid Wood Packaging Materials (SWPM) such as **pallets**, crates, boxes, dunnages, etc, in containerized cargoes imported into Nigeria, and due to the potential of these aforementioned materials to serve as conveyors of pests and disease pathogens into Nigeria, the Nigeria Agricultural Quarantine Service (NAQS) wishes to provide this revised guideline for the purpose of clarification:

- A valid import permit must be obtained from NAQS prior to the importation of SWPM and the material for which the permit was issued must have been treated and the treatment given stated on the International Plant Protection Convention (IPPC) markings/logo according to **International Standard for Phytosanitary Measures (ISPM) 15 guidelines**.
- All treated SWPM imported into Nigeria must bear legible IPPC marking or logo, stating the type of treatment administered (Methyl Bromide or Heat Treatment). Already imported SWPM must be re-treated if they are meant to be reused or recycled.

- Importers and exporters are advised that these conditions must be met for NAQS to consider any cargo laden with SWPM eligible for clearance.



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