



NIGERIA AGRICULTURAL QUARANTINE SERVICE
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QUARANTINE POSITION ON IMPORTATION USING PALLETS, ETC.

Following several queries and complaints from importers, exporters and other stakeholders regarding the issue of packaging materials for shipping cargoes, it has become necessary for Nigeria Agricultural Quarantine Service to reiterate the following:

NAQS is concerned about Solid Wood Packaging Materials (SWPM) such as **pallets**, crates, boxes, dunnages, etc, in containerized cargoes imported into Nigeria because of their potential of serving as pathways for pests and diseases introduction that can endanger the nation's agricultural economy.

- All importation of SWPM must be accompanied with import permit from NAQS or must have been treated, and treatment given stated on the International Plant Protection Convention (IPPC) markings/logo according to **International Standard for Phytosanitary Measures (ISPM) 15 guidelines**.
- Further, all treated SWPM imported into Nigeria should carry 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 to be reused or recycled.

- Importers and exporters are to please take note, and contact NAQS for proper guidance.



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