

ALARACT 037/2024

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SUBJ/ALARACT 037/2024 – WOOD PACKAGING MATERIAL ADVISORY LETTER

THIS ALARACT MESSAGE HAS BEEN TRANSMITTED BY JSP ON BEHALF OF HQDA, DCS, G-4

1. (U) REFERENCES:

1.A. (U) DODM 4140.65, ISSUE, USE, AND DISPOSAL OF WOOD PACKAGING MATERIAL (WPM) (AVAILABLE AT [HTTPS://WWW.ESD.WHS.MIL/](https://www.esd.whs.mil/))

2. (U) PURPOSE:

2.A. (U) TO ADVISE ARMY ACTIVITIES ON THE MARKING REQUIREMENTS FOR COMPLIANCE WITH DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE AND ARMY REGULATORY REQUIREMENT FOR THE USE OF WPM AS OUTLINED IN THE ATTACHED ADVISORY LETTER.

2.B. (U) ALL ARMY ACTIVITIES WILL ENSURE COMPLIANCE FOR PHYTOSANITARY MARKING REQUIREMENTS WHEN USING WOOD DUNNAGE/BLOCKING TO SUPPORT SHIPMENTS OF ARMY ASSETS.

2.C. (U) INTERNATIONAL STANDARDS FOR PHYTOSANITARY MEASURES (ISPM) 15 DEFINES "DUNNAGE" AS WPM USED TO SECURE OR SUPPORT A COMMODITY, BUT WHICH DOES NOT REMAIN ASSOCIATED WITH COMMODITY.

3. (U) REQUIREMENTS:

3.A. (U) THE ATTACHED WOOD PACKAGING MATERIAL ADVISORY LETTER IS TO ENSURE ALL ARMY ACTIVITIES SHIPPING ASSETS UNDERSTAND THE REQUIREMENTS TO PREVENT NON-COMPLIANT LUMBER FROM ENTERING THE INVENTORY IN ACCORDANCE WITH DODM 4140.65.

3.B. (U) ARMY ACTIVITIES MANAGEMENT OF DUNNAGE USED TO SECURE/SUPPORT CONTINENTAL UNITED STATES ONLY SHIPMENTS OF MILITARY ASSETS WITH WPM INCLUDED AS CONSIGNMENT MUST EITHER MARK DUNNAGE AS MEETING ISPM 15 COMPLIANCE OR MARK AS MEETING DOD "PEST FREE" CERTIFICATION IN ACCORDANCE WITH DODM 4140.65.

3.C. (U) THE WOOD PACKAGING MATERIAL ADVISORY LETTER PROVIDES INFORMATION TO HELP PREVENT NON-COMPLIANT LUMBER FROM ENTERING THE DEFENSE TRANSPORTATION SYSTEM.

3.D. (U) THIS WOOD PACKAGING MATERIAL ADVISORY LETTER REQUIRES ALL ARMY ACTIVITIES WITHIN THE CONTINENTAL UNITED STATES TO INSPECT, TREAT, REMEDIATE, OR REPLACE WPM THAT DOES NOT MEET THE ISPM 15 REQUIREMENTS.

4. (U) POINTS OF CONTACT:

4.A. (U) DCS, G-4, OLIVER C. PRYOR, DALO-SPS, 703-693-9956, OLIVER.C.  
[PRYOR.CIV@ARMY.MIL](mailto:PRYOR.CIV@ARMY.MIL).

4.B. (U) ARMY SUSTAINMENT COMMAND PACKAGING, STORAGE, AND CONTAINERIZATION CENTER, AMAS-SPI-P, 11 HAP ARNOLD BOULEVARD, TOBYHANNA, PA 18466-5076.

5. (U) THIS ALARACT MESSAGE EXPIRES ON 28 MAY 2025.

ATTACHMENTS:

1. WPM ADVISORY LETTER

## DEPARTMENT OF ARMY ADVISORY, 01 JAN 2024

### WOOD PACKAGING MATERIAL (WPM)

**Subject:** Dunnage Phytosanitary Marking Requirements for CONUS ONLY Shipments within the Defense Transportation System (DTS).

**Purpose:** To advise Army Activities of phytosanitary marking requirements when using wood dunnage/blocking to support shipments of Army assets to ensure compliance with DoD and Army Regulatory requirement for the use of regulated WPM. The International Standards for Phytosanitary Measures (ISPM)15, Regulation of Wood Packaging Material in International Trade, defines "Dunnage" as WPM used to secure or support a commodity, but which does not remain associated with commodity.

**Be Advised:** Army Activities shipping assets are required to prevent non-compliant lumber from entering the inventory in accordance with DoD Manual 4140.65, Issue, Use, and Disposal of Wood Packaging Material. Dunnage used to secure/support CONUS ONLY shipments of military assets with WPM included as consignment must either mark dunnage as meeting ISPM 15 compliance or mark as meeting DoD "Pest Free" Certification per the DoDM 4140.65. This risk mitigation measure is needed to help prevent non-compliant lumber from entering the DTS.

The ISPM 15 dunnage exemption applies to dunnage/blocking which has been with the lumber consignment throughout the treatment and transport process. As long as the dunnage is the same species and banded to the lumber bundle, then the ISPM 15 dunnage exemption would apply. Regardless of movements within CONUS only, the key to this is the wood has to be of the same species and banded to the lumber shipment. Bundles placed on loose dunnage or dunnage of a different species does not meet the exemption requirement. Army Components are required to direct originating shipping activities to prepare cargo for shipment with ISPM 15-compliant WPM. This requires Army activities to inspect and treat, remediate, or replace WPM that does not meet the ISPM 15 requirements. Army Activities preparing military assets for shipments within the United States are only authorized to use non-compliant WPM with written authority from the DoD Component WPM Manager.

For dunnage/blocking intended to secure, protect, or assist in the movement of cargo for OCONUS shipment. Army Activities must ensure all WPM treatment and markings meet ISPM 15 compliance before shipping to an ISPM 15 participating country.

**Advisory Point of Contact:** Army Sustainment Command (ASC) Packaging, Storage, and Containerization Center (PSCC), AMAS-SPI-P, 11 Hap Arnold Boulevard

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