



Australian Government
Australian Quarantine and Inspection Service

**Australian Wood Packaging Certification Scheme Update
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- 1. There are now 198 certified facilities participating in the AWPCS** (214 certification numbers have been issued, 16 facilities are no longer participating).
 - 2. Yemen** has issued a notification of intent to implement the standard but no official enforcement date has been confirmed.
 - 3. Taiwan** has issued a reminder notification of its intent to implement the standard but no official enforcement date has been confirmed.
 - 4. An Industry Advice Notice (IAN 2008 - 02: New Office Location - Telephone issues) was issued on 11 January 2008** to advise industry that the department is currently experiencing difficulties with the new telephone system.
 - 5. AQIS has received several non-compliance notices recently from ISPM 15 countries.** Action taken has varied from destruction of the packaging to rejection of the goods. Exporters are reminded of the responsibility to comply with importing country requirements.
 - 6. The AWPCS register, a list of country implementation dates for ISPM 15, and contact details for certification bodies can be found on the AQIS website on the following link:** <http://www.daffa.gov.au/aqis/export/timber/ispm15>.
- The following documents have been attached for your reference: IAN 2008/02 - Telephone issues and a PDF version of this AWPCS update 15-Jan-08.