



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** (215 certification numbers have been issued, 17 facilities are no longer participating).
- 2. Gersekowski & Son Pty Ltd (#059) is no longer certified under the AWPCS as of 22 February 2008.** AQIS recognises all wood packaging produced by this company prior to 22 February 2008 bearing the certification number #059 as ISPM 15 compliant.
- 3. Box Built Pty Ltd (#005) is now trading as Integra Packaging NSW Pty Ltd.**
- 4. 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 that it is their responsibility to comply with importing country requirements.
- 5. On the 22 January 2007, AQIS issued an information letter to exporters on International Standards for Phytosanitary measures - Guidelines for Regulating Wood Packaging in International Trade (ISPM15) and the Australian Wood Packaging Certification Scheme (AWPCS).** The purpose of the letter was to provide exporters with a greater awareness of international standards for wood packaging and Australia's response to the standard.
- 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: PDF version of this AWPCS update 26-Feb-08, and a copy of the Wood Packaging information letter to exporters plus coversheet 22-Jan-08.