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Dear Sir,

As you may be aware, our Ambassador in Brussels has informed that the European Commission continues to receive a high number of interceptions notifications from their Member States mostly for non conformance to standards of the wood packaging materials. In this connection, I would like to state that this Ministry too has been receiving a number of concerns/Notifications from EU through the Department of Agriculture & Cooperation. Most of the Notifications are on account of non-compliance of ISPM Mark. **Phytosanitary controls are not exercised on commodities other than agricultural or on wood packaging material used in non-agricultural goods and commodities.** The notifications of non-compliances in wood packaging material related to consignments of non-agricultural goods which are neither inspected nor certified by PSC Issuing Authorities.

2. The issue of non-compliance with ISPM-15 requirements is rapidly acquiring serious proportions and could invite regulatory action from EU if concerted remedial action is not taken immediately. I, may therefore urge upon you to inform all Boards/Trade Bodies/Trade Associations to take necessary steps to ensure that **commodities exported, and/or promoted to be exported by them, particularly to EU destinations comply faithfully with the requirements of ISPM-15.** Any assistance pertaining to training and technical support in this regard, whenever required will be provided by the Department of Agriculture.

best wishes,

Yours sincerely,

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