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## Dear ISPM15 Service providers

**RE: CHANGE IN ISPM15 STAMP/MARK**

This letter serves to notify all ISPM15 service providers that the inclusion of the text **“DB”** code in the ISPM-15 stamp for Wood Packaging Material is prohibited as of 01 January 2025. This is informed by the ISPM 15, 2019 standard.

Any wood packaging material that displays this code will be deemed non-compliant after this date, regardless of whether it was manufactured and marked prior to the prohibition. We urge all manufacturers and treatment providers to review their inventory with clients and arrange for the removal of such stamps before the implementation date.

For additional inquiries, please reach out to Ms. Petunia Sambo at [PetuniaS@dalrrd.gov.za](mailto:PetuniaS@dalrrd.gov.za) or Mr LePonti Molepo at [LePontiM@dalrrd.gov.za](mailto:LePontiM@dalrrd.gov.za).

Yours Sincerely,



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