

AMERICAN LUMBER STANDARD COMMITTEE, INCORPORATED®

FUMIGATED WOOD/FUMIGATED WOOD PACKAGING MATERIAL POLICY

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The Board of Review of the American Lumber Standard Committee, Incorporated® (the American Lumber Standard Committee) is authorized to accredit and monitor inspection agencies for conformance to American Lumber Standard Committee requirements for fumigated wood to be used as wood packaging or for fumigated wood packaging material as defined in the International Plant Protection Convention (IPPC) *Regulation of Wood Packaging Material in International Trade* (standard), as follows:

- Fumigation – Treatment with a chemical agent that reaches the commodity wholly or primarily in a gaseous state.
- Wood Packaging Material (WPM) – wood or wood products used in supporting, protecting or carrying a commodity (includes dunnage).
- Dunnage (Dun) – Wood packaging material used to secure or support a commodity but which does not remain associated with the commodity.
- Wood – A commodity class for round wood, sawn wood, or dunnage, with or without bark.

At facilities producing fumigated wood, fumigated wood packaging material, or fumigated repaired or remanufactured wood packaging material:

- The agency shall audit on a periodic basis the minimum requirements reviewing the facility site, facility fumigation records, and/or other information or data pertinent to the fumigation process as defined in the IPPC standard.
- All products under this policy adhere to any size limitations and treatment schedules as defined in the IPPC standard.
- All products under this policy must be made from debarked wood. Removal of bark in excess of the limitations for debarked wood shall occur prior to fumigation and any bark remaining adheres to the IPPC standard requirements.

At facilities producing or repairing wood packaging material (manufacturing of pallets, crating, boxes, dunnage, etc.) from fumigated wood:

The agency shall audit on a periodic basis:

- The wood being used or to be used in the manufacture, or repair, of wood packaging material (pallets, crating, boxes, dunnage, etc.) under this program is labeled under the supervision of an agency accredited by the Board of Review and bear label(s) containing the following information:
 - a) The designated abbreviation for the fumigant as specified in the IPPC standard
 - b) The identifying symbol, logo or name of the accredited agency
 - c) The identification number or name of the facility or of the agency inspector
- The volumes of fumigated wood being purchased from agency-certified fumigation facilities are adequate based upon documentation to produce, or repair, the quantities of fumigated wood packaging material (pallets, crating, boxes, dunnage, etc.) that are being labeled.

At facilities producing any fumigated wood packaging material, the agency shall audit on a periodic basis:

- The wood packaging material (pallets, crating, boxes, dunnage, etc.) produced, repaired or remanufactured bear label(s) containing the following information:
 - a) The approved international symbol for compliant wood packaging material.
 - b) The two letter ISO country abbreviation followed by a unique number assigned to the producer of the wood packaging material by the National Plant Protection Organization (NPPO).
 - c) The designated abbreviation for the fumigant as specified in the IPPC standard.
 - d) The identifying symbol, logo or name of the accredited agency.

The label(s) and the placement of such label(s) shall be as approved by the Board of Review.

The Board of Review shall implement this policy and accredit and monitor agencies pursuant to the Memorandum of Understanding with the United States Department of Agriculture's Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service and the Fumigated Wood and Fumigated Wood Packaging Material Enforcement Regulations and other regulations adopted by the American Lumber Standard Committee specifying the requirements to be met by agencies and fumigation facilities.

An accredited agency shall enter into a standard contract agreement with the American Lumber Standard Committee. An accredited agency shall enter into standard contract agreements which have been approved by the Board of Review with each fumigation facility providing auditing services.

The Board of Review shall have the option to employ consultants to assist in implementation and conduct of this policy. The cost of the consultants shall be borne by the agency or agencies involved.

Agencies accredited under this policy shall pay such charges and fees as are fixed and assessed by the American Lumber Standard Committee.

Agencies accredited by the Board of Review for the fumigation portion of the Wood Packaging Material program shall allow the above-described label or one similar to it to be used only on wood packaging materials which conform to procedures referenced in the ALSC Fumigated Wood and Fumigated Wood Packaging Material Policy. Conversely, such agencies shall not authorize the use of the above-described label or one similar to it on fumigation wood packaging materials manufactured to procedures not conforming to those referenced in the ALSC Fumigated Wood and Fumigated Wood Packaging Material Policy.

This authorization by the American Lumber Standard Committee, and accreditation and monitoring by the Board of Review regarding conformance to the above-referenced IPPC standard shall not indicate American Lumber Standard Committee or Board of Review adoption, approval or responsibility of or for that standard, responsibility for fumigated wood or fumigated wood packaging produced or manufactured under this Policy or endorsement, approval, adoption or responsibility of or for any warranty or other representation regarding fumigated wood or fumigated wood packaging by a fumigation facility, or any other person or entity.