

**OFFICE OF THE COMMISSIONER OF CUSTOMS (NS- IV),
JAWAHARLAL NEHRU CUSTOM HOUSE, NHAVA SHEVA, TAL. URAN,
DIST. RAIGAD, MAHARASHTRA – 400 707.**

F.No. S/12 -Gen-38/2015-16AM(X)

Date:-19.05.2016

STANDING ORDER No. 36 /2016

Attention of all Officers is drawn to the Board Circular No. 14/2009 dated 06.05.2009 & Circular No. 13/2011 dated 28.02.2011, DGFT Notification No. 54/2009-14 dated 03.08.2010 Board Instruction dated 16.09.2013.

2. In the international trade, every consignment accompanied with solid wood packaging materials (SWPM) needs to be treated and marked in accordance with the provisions of International Standards for Phytosanitary Measures (ISPM) No.15. Any article, if found packed with raw/solid wood packaging material without specified treatment and without marking as per ISPM-15 or if not accompanied by phytosanitary certificate with treatment endorsed, as the case may be, shall be considered untreated and shall be referred by the proper officer of the Customs to Plant Quarantine Officer.

3. All assessing officers were directed to endorse a standard examination order to the examining officers as under “In case the goods are packed in raw/solid wood packaging material/ crates, compliance of ISPM -15 standards be ensured”. All the shed Officers were given the responsibility to ensure that export goods packed with raw or solid wood packaging material comply with the ISPM No. 15 or are accompanied by a phytosanitary certificate with the treatment endorsed or else the consignment will be referred to Plant Quarantine Officer for NOC before clearance.

4. In spite of instructions issued in this regard, instances have been noticed where proper compliance of ISPM- 15 was not done.

5. It is therefore once again emphasized that proper compliance of provisions of International Standards for Phytosanitary Measures (ISPM) No. 15 be ensured.

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