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To: All Exporters

Dear Exporters

Department of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries (DAFF) have received the highest number of notifications for interceptions from trade partners associated with wood packaging material (WPM) non-compliances. The interceptions were based on treatment failures; WPM not properly debarked, not marked and/or marks not according to ISPM No. 15 marking requirements.

Subsequent to increasing interceptions, DAFF is introducing and enforcing the use of wood packaging material declaration form by all exporters. The form shall be completed by exporter or representative and submitted to DAFF for verification together with every application for export certification such as applications for phytosanitary certificate, liquor export certificate and OIC certificates.

Exporters are therefore given until the 28 February 2015 to become accustomed with the new system, thereafter DAFF will not process applications for export certifications that are not accompanied by completed wood packaging material declaration form.

Attached to this notice is wood packaging material declaration form template and exporters guideline for wood packaging material.

For enquiries contact your nearest DAFF- Inspection Services office.

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