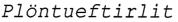


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Import of wood package materials into Canada from Iceland

We can hereby inform you that the Icelandic Ministry of Agriculture has on April 6th 2004 issued regulations on wood packaging materials used when exporting goods from Iceland. The purpose of these regulations is to fulfil the requirements of importing countries like Canada. I regret that at the moment the regulations are only available in the Icelandic language but in short I can inform you that it covers the certification of companies making wood packaging materials or heating such materials according to ISPM 15. The formal procedure of certification is about to start but our preliminary certification will be valid until the formal one takes over. The following companies have been granted a preliminary certification:

IS-01 Skipaafgreidsla Husavikur, Husavik, Iceland

IS-02 Martak, Grindavik, Iceland

IS-03 Eimskip, Hafnafjördur, Iceland

IS-04 Vörubretti, Hafnafjördur, Iceland

Our markings are in accordance with ISPM 15 and will apear as follows:



We have put up information on our homepage, www.rala.is where a list of certified companies can be found (Plöntueftirlit-Viðarumbúðir-Listi vfir vottuð fyrirtæki).

Yours sincerely

Head Plant Protection Service