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WOOD PACKAGING PROGRAMS

HT **MB**
SPEQ™

**Custom Wood Pallet
Inspection**

WOOD PACKAGING MATERIAL PROGRAMS

Today's wood packaging material (WPM) faces hurdles and hoops never dreamt of before the advent of global economy. Not only are pallets, boxes and crates required to withstand increased usage over longer distances but new international guidelines require that hardwood and softwood packaging material be subject to one of two forms of certified pest control treatment: heat treatment or methyl bromide fumigation.



In response, Timber Products Inspection (TP) and Timber Products Services (TPS) developed the following programs to service your WPM certification and quality assessment needs:

- ✓ Heat Treatment Certification
- ✓ Methyl Bromide Fumigation Certification
- ✓ NWPCA SPEQ™ program
- ✓ Customized Quality Inspection and Assessment

TP has been conducting Quality Inspection and Testing services for wood and wood-based products since 1969. With over 60 national inspectors trained in various fields of wood treating and technology, TP and TPS can service accounts throughout North America.



✓ *Certify your heat treated
lumber and finished products*



✓ *Certify your heat chamber for
proper heating practices*



✓ *Conduct individual load
certification with TP inspector*

TREATMENTS FOR PEST CONTROL

In March 2002, the International Plant Protection Convention (IPPC), consisting of 118 member nations, adopted guidelines for treating international shipments of WPM against exotic pest infestation. Under these guidelines all WPM destined for participating countries must be certified as Heat Treated (HT) or Fumigated with Methyl Bromide (MB), otherwise risk rejection of WPM and associated products at the destination port.



HEAT TREATMENT (HT) CERTIFICATION

Since the onset of the American Lumber Standard Committee's Heat Treatment Program, Timber Products has been accredited to provide certification necessary for overseas shipments of WPM.

Subscribers to the HT program must comply with the requirements of the IPPC guidelines specifying the heat treatment of WPM to a minimum core temperature of 56 degrees Centigrade for 30 minutes.

TP serves to audit the treatment process, providing certified marks for overseas shipments.

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METHYL BROMIDE (MB) FUMIGATION CERTIFICATION

The National Wooden Pallet and Container Association (NWPCA) as requested by the USDA Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) has developed a Fumigation Program to meet compliance issues associated with exported shipments of WPM.

In order to be involved with certified WPM, fumigators will be required to enlist in the Fumigation Program and receive special training (annually) from the MB producer on effective application for WPM. Both the fumigator and the WPM manufacturer will keep records of each treatment, detailing dates and load features.



Timber Products Services has been enlisted to serve as a third party auditor for the benefit of the fumigator and the WPM manufacturer. TP will audit treatment records and provide the WPM certification mark necessary for overseas acceptance.

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CUSTOM WOOD PALLET INSPECTION SERVICES

Timber Products Inspection has been inspecting pallet quality since 1990, helping new pallet manufacturers and repair depots to evaluate and implement quality control assessments.



TP's goal is to provide a thorough and comprehensive quality control auditing program with respect to lumber and lumber related products. Our experience in the pallet inspection arena allows us to customize an inspection program to fit your needs whether it be at the manufacturer/recycler or at the end user. Our nationwide coverage allows us to reach any and all areas where product may need to be evaluated.

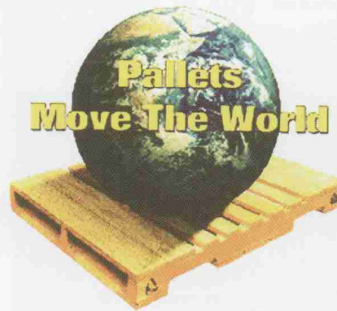
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SPEQ™ (Specialized Pallets, Engineered for Quality)

For those looking for an existing pallet quality standard, look no further than the National Wooden Pallet and Container Association SPEQ™ Quality Assurance Program.



TP provides all third party inspections for this program developed by pallet users and unit load professionals from all over the industry. The standard ensures that SPEQ™ Pallets meet a high level of quality regardless of the producer or application.



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