

Timber Certification

Export Certification ISPM15

On 1 January 2006 a mandatory treatment for solid timber packaging and dunnage was introduced by AQIS (Australian Quarantine and Inspection Service) to reduce the risk of pest or disease entry into Australia. ISPM 15 was developed to address the global spread of timber pests by regulating the movement of timber packing and dunnage in international trade. ISPM 15 describes phytosanitary measures to reduce the risk of introduction and/or spread of quarantine pests associated with solid timber packing material.

This is an International requirement for all solid timber packaging, and **Pod museum and Art Services is a registered AWPCS (Australian Wood Packaging Certification Scheme) supplier.** Pod uses only a high quality heat treated Pinus Radiata supplied by a registered AWPCS mill, and all Pod products containing solid timber destined for international travel will be stamped accordingly.

For more information on export certification in Australia, please go to www.aqis.gov.au

Forestry Stewardship Council Certification

Pod Museum and Art Services source all its solid timber from an F.S.C certified wood mill. The Forest Stewardship Council (FSC) is an international, membership based, non-profit organisation founded in 1993 by environmentalists, social interest groups, indigenous peoples' organisations, responsible retailers and leading forest management companies to develop standards based on the '10 Principles for Forest Stewardship' by which responsible forest

FSC, as an international network to promote responsible management of the world's forests, brings people together to find solutions to the problems created by bad forestry practices and to reward good forest management.

FSC is a stakeholder owned system for promoting responsible management of the world's international forests. Through consultative processes, FSC sets international standards for responsible forest management and practices. It accredits independent third party organisations who can certify forest managers and forest product producers to FSC standards.

Its trademark provides international recognition to organisations who support the growth of responsible forest management. Its product label allows consumers worldwide to recognise products that support the growth of responsible forest management worldwide.

FSC undertakes marketing programs and information services that contributes to the mission of promoting responsible forestry worldwide. Over the past 13 years, over 106 million hectares in more than 81 countries have been certified according to FSC Forest Management standards while over 12,000 FSC Chain of Custody certified organisations sell several thousand products that are produced using FSC certified wood and carrying the FSC trademark. FSC operates through its network of National Initiatives in more than 46 countries.

For more information on the F.S.C, please go to www.fscaustralia.org

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