

## TOLKO MARKETING AND SALES

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### **ISPM EXEMPTIONS FOR PLYWOOD, OSB, AND LSL PRODUCTS**

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#### Wood Packaging Material Regulations in International Trade

Wood products are often used in packaging for international shipments. Raw wood that has not been properly treated or processed may be at risk of pest infestation. To prevent the spread of pests, the Commission of Phytosanitary Measures (CPM) has adopted the International Standards for Phytosanitary Measures (ISPM).

The International Standards for Phytosanitary Measures Publication No. 15 (ISPM-15), *Guidelines for Regulating Wood Packaging Material in International Trade*, describes measures to reduce the spread of pests in packaging materials made from raw wood. This section specifies that packaging made wholly of processed wood and created using glue, heat or pressure is of sufficiently low risk and is exempt from the provisions of the ISPM. Such products include plywood and oriented strand board (OSB).

Tolko's line of plywood, OSB, and laminated strand lumber (LSL) are manufactured with glue, heat, or pressure and are therefore exempt from the requirements in ISPM-15. These products include:

- Tolko T-PLY™ Plywood Products
- Tolko T-STRAND™ OSB Products
- Tolko T-TEC™ LSL
- Tolko LSL Industrials

The ISPM-15 exemptions do not supersede any endorsed document requirements by the United States Department of Agriculture (USDS) for export shipments of U.S. origin or Canadian Food Inspection Agency (CFIA) for export shipments of Canadian origin.

For further information about Tolko products exempt from ISPM-15 requirements, please contact your Tolko sales representative.

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