

Agriculture Security MSC 8.1

(WAL Security Procedure 4.6)

Agriculture Security MSC (Minimum-Security Criteria) 8.1 is one of the highest areas of non-compliance among CTPAT partners.

MSC 8.1:

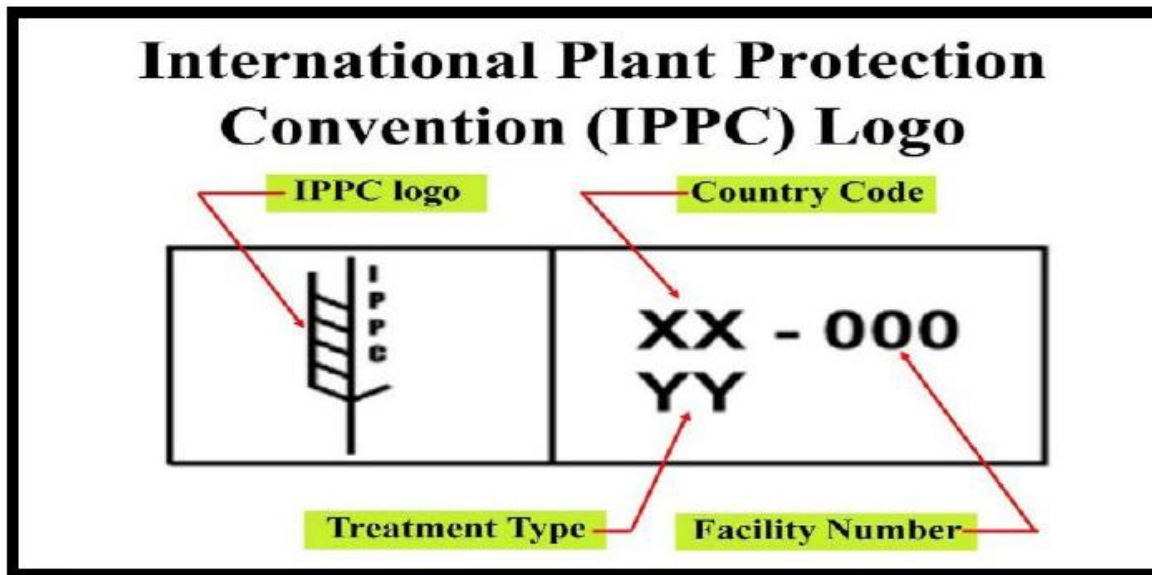
- CTPAT Members **must** have written procedures designed to prevent visible pest contamination to include compliance with Wood Packaging Materials (WPM) regulations.
- Measures regarding WPM **must** meet the International Plant Protection Convention's (IPPC) International Standards for Phytosanitary Measures No. 15 (ISPM 15).
- Visible pest prevention measures **must** be adhered to throughout the supply chain.

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If you handle palletized cargo (using wooden pallets), you must require the pallets to have a legitimate wheat stamp.

Wheat Stamp



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Agriculture MSC 8.1 represents significant areas of risk

- It is prudent to consider MSC 8.1 as part of a company's risk assessment process.
- Certain aspects of agricultural criteria are also regulatory requirements; therefore, failing to eliminate these contaminants from the supply chain could result in delays in cargo processing by CBP and/or requiring containers to be re-exported or treated for insects (fumigated).

Non-compliant IIT Agriculture Inspections

Undercarriage soil (A) and seeds (B):



Leaves in a trailer floor:



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Responsibilities

- Importers/exporters have the most responsibility to ensure MSC 8.1 requirements are enforced throughout its supply chains.
- If you are a carrier, inspecting IIT for infestation/contamination is a requirement. You must inspect conveyances and IIT for security purposes.
- If you are responsible for contracting companies that handle cargo, you would need to ensure these companies are following all applicable criteria, which includes agriculture criteria.
- If it is a client that is handling/shipping the cargo, your role is more educational in nature.

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Key Takeaway

- Foreign suppliers must source WPM from a manufacturer that has heat treated or fumigated the WPM in accordance with the International Plant Protection Convention (IPPC) regulations.
- WPM manufacturers must be registered and accredited by a National Plant Protection Organization (NPPO) or an organization that has been officially designated by the NPPO for that purpose.
- A list of IPPC official contact point by country is available on the IPPC website:
<https://www.ippc.int/en/countries/all/contactpoints/>
- Since pallets are instruments of international traffic (IIT), other criteria pertaining to IIT may apply to the pallets as well.
- For example, make sure WPM are being stored (with or without cargo) in a proper manner that will not expose them to possible infestation/contamination.
- If secure/pest free storage is not feasible, fumigation prior to usage may be another way to meet the criteria.