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ISPM15 Revised (2009) – THE MODEL MARK

Following the country consultation exercise that took place at the end of last year the final version of the ISPM15 (revised) was published in May 2009 and many of you will have seen a copy of it by now (it can be viewed on the IPPC website at the link shown below). The Advisory Council of the UKWPMMP met on 19 May to consider and agree how the changes to ISPM No.15 are to be implemented in the UK and for your information the minutes of that meeting will be published on both the FC's and TIMCON's websites shortly. The FC will then revise the UKWPMMP Plant Health Guide and make any necessary amendments to the Plant Health (Wood Packaging Material Marking) (Forestry) (Order) 2006.

However, in advance of this work, as there is some confusion on the guidance provided in the revised version of ISPM15 concerning what should and should not be included in the new model mark we are issuing clarification of the requirements now. These instructions aim to avoid wood packaging material manufacturers purchasing stencils, stamps and branding iron templates, which would not be acceptable.

The Advisory Council agreed that with immediate effect new members joining the UKWPMMP must use the new style of mark. For existing members the Advisory Council agreed a transition period whereby new format marks must be available for approval at the next assessment, or no later than one year from the date of the last. We recognise, however, that programme members may wish to amend their marks at the earliest opportunity. Please, however, note the footnote on page 13 of ISPM15 (revised) which states –



'At import, countries should accept previously produced wood packaging material carrying a mark consistent with earlier versions of this standard'.

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www.ippc.int/servlet/BinaryDownloaderServlet/133703_E.pdf?filename=1240490152156_ISPM_15_Revised_2009_E.pdf&refID=133703

An example of the new mark is attached to this letter for information. Variations in the layout of the mark are also attached to this letter.

Please note that only the information set out in the Annex (IPPC logo, Country Code, Producer code starting with the letters 'FC' and Treatment code either 'HT' or 'MB') are to be included within the border, which is now a mandatory component of the mark. No other information such as Forestry Commission name or logo or company names or logos are to be included within box outlining the mark. As ALL wood packaging material must now be debarked within defined tolerances, the code "DB" is no longer required and should not be included.

Should you have any enquiries about the new mark please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely

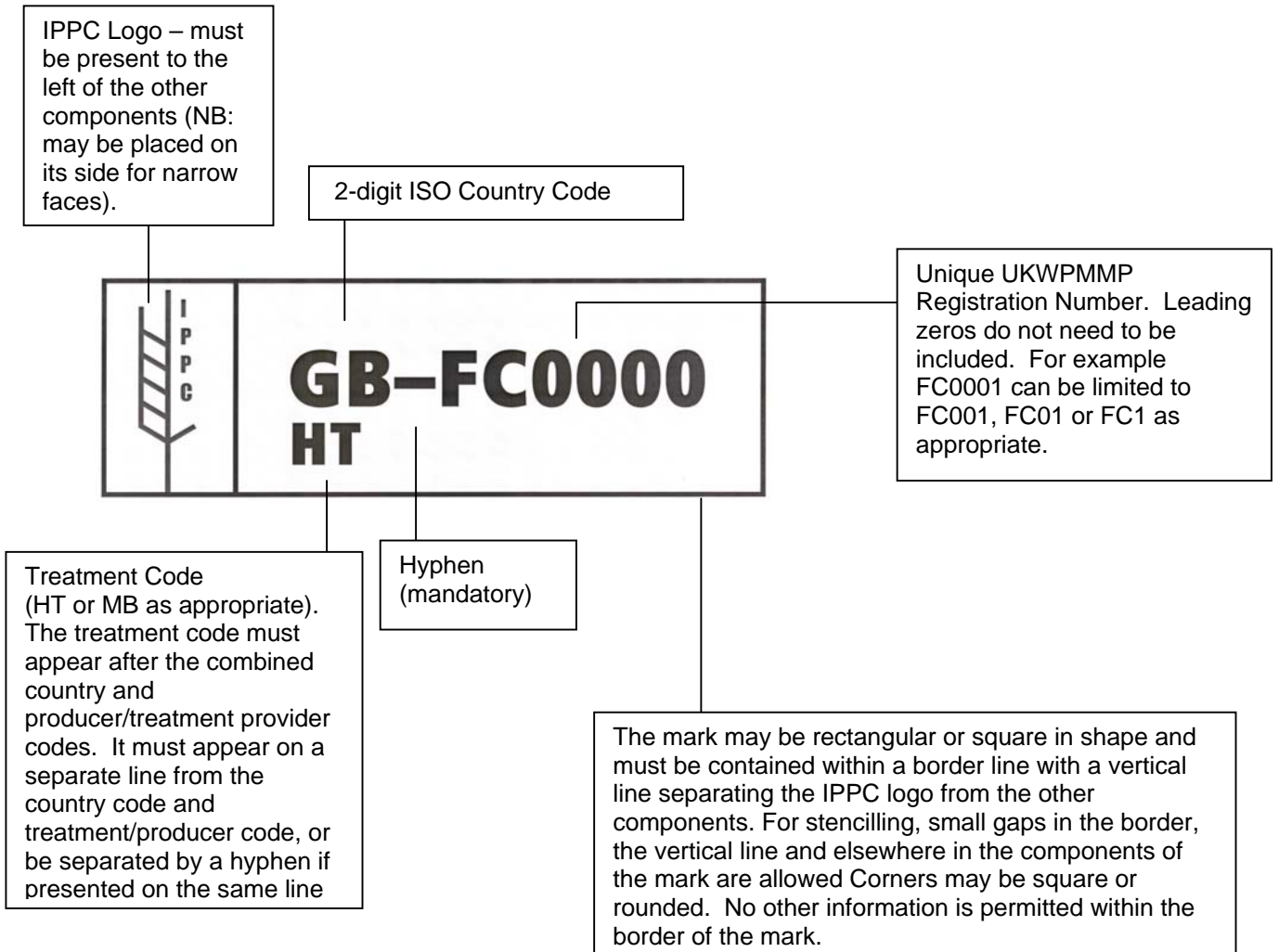


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Sample Mark



Key changes from previous mark -

1. The mark must be contained within a border, with a vertical line separating the symbol from the code components, both of which can be solid or dashed
2. The country code must be separated by a hyphen from the producer/treatment provider code
3. The treatment code for debarking ie 'DB' is not to be used
4. The words 'Forestry Commission' with or without its Two Tree logo, or any other information not shown in the example, must not be shown within the border.



| Example 2



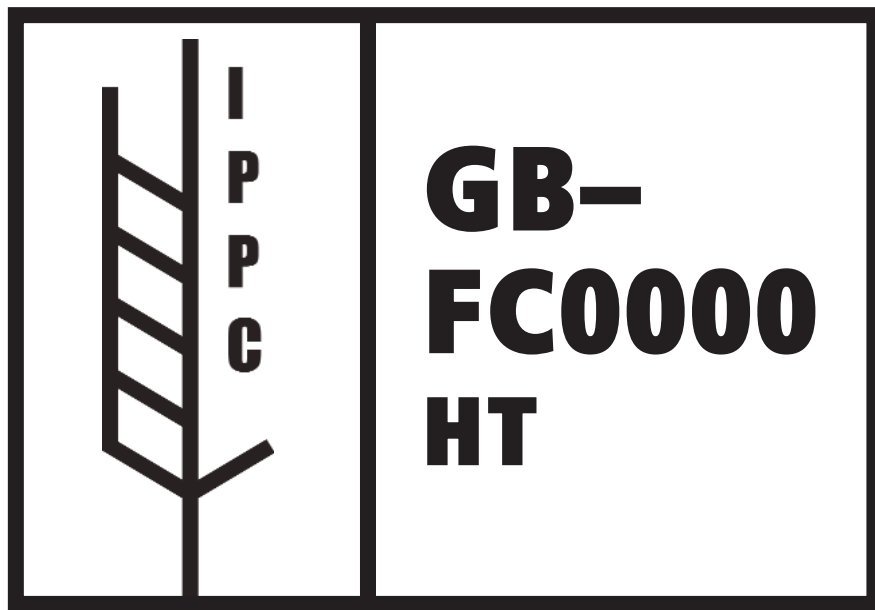
| Example 3



| Example 3 - version 2



| Example 4



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| Example 5



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| Example 6