

THE STAMPS

There are two stamps involved in the heat treatment program.

HT Stamp

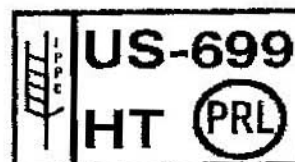
This stamp must be found on all lumber purchased to build heat-treated wood packaging for international shipments (unless the fabricator intends to heat-treat the finished product). While the wood a package fabricator receives must be marked with this stamp, once the fabricator cuts an HT-stamped board, there is no need to



re-stamp the cut board with the HT stamp because the Wood Packaging Quality Mark on the final container will serve the same purpose. This stamp is issued both to companies that heat treat lumber and lumber remanufacturers.

WPM Stamp

This stamp is recognized by customs officials as the mark of a heat-treated product. It is required on heat-treated coniferous and non-coniferous packaging shipped internationally. The stamp is applied twice, on opposite faces of the completed container. This stamp is not used on individual pieces of lumber. If a package only has the HT stamp, it will be rejected by the receiving customs officials. Its use is required by the ISPM 15.



Dunnage Stamp

This stamp is used to mark heat treated wood used for dunnage in international shipments. Each piece of lumber must be stamped every 2 feet. Dunnage is defined as wood packaging used to secure or support a commodity, but which does not remain associated with the commodity.



PACKAGE RESEARCH LABORATORY

Package Research Laboratory has been accredited by the ALSC to provide inspection and stamp services to wood heat treatment facilities and packaging fabricators. PRL visits client facilities once a month for wood inspections. The goal of the inspection is to make sure clients are properly using either "HT" or "KD-HT" stamped lumber and keeping inventory logs of wood usage or that the kiln or oven being used to treat the finished product meets the minimum requirements of the European Union.

While the WPM certification process can seem intimidating, PRL works with clients to set up handling and record-keeping procedures that fit current inventory systems and comply with the IPPC Guidelines and the EU Emergency Measures. PRL has a team of knowledgeable inspectors who are ready to guide you through the inspection process and rates that are among the lowest in the industry. Please call for more information.