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A Commission proposal to provide a temporary derogation from the current emergency measures has received the favourable opinion of the Standing Committee on Plant Health.

The proposal derogates to the Decision that was voted on 24 April 2009, which provides for enhanced controls by 16 June 2009 by Portugal and the other Member States on wood packaging material movements and which requires that pallets and other wood packaging materials -including those originating from other Member States- be treated and marked before leaving Portugal.

In order to avoid disproportionate disruption of trade, the proposal voted on Wednesday 27 May foresees that the provisions for wood packaging material originating outside continental Portugal will apply as of 1 January 2010.

The Commission and the Member States count on the efforts of the wood packaging materials, transport and logistics industries to adapt as soon as possible to the International Standard for Phytosanitary Measures (ISPM) No 15 requirement in order to be fully ready to implement it when the derogation expires at the end of 2009.

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