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CESSATION OF THE USE OF METHYL BROMIDE FUMIGATION WITHIN THE UKWPMMP

We consulted with the British Pest Control Association (BPCA) and the UKWPMMP Advisory Council members last February about the possible phase out of methyl bromide fumigation within the UKWPMMP during 2009. Following representation from the BPCA, we agreed that fumigation services should be permitted to use their stocks of the fumigant until 18 March 2010. This accords with a notice, issued by the Pesticides Safety Directorate (PSD), which gave approval for the storage and use by any persons for the fumigant until 18 March 2010 in accordance with Commission Decision 2008/753/EC – Methyl Bromide – professional products.

All UKWPMMP participants are therefore reminded that fumigation services will cease to be able to use methyl bromide within the UKWPMMP with effect from **Friday 19th March 2010** and no further fumigation treatments will be permitted within the Programme on or after this date.

UKWPMMP participants who have methyl bromide treated timber material or manufactured articles of wood packaging material in stock after the fumigant withdrawal date will, however, be permitted to use up these stocks and mark the products with the treatment code 'MB' accordingly.



ISPM15 Revised (2009) – THE MODEL MARK

I am aware from recent updates from the Assessment Agencies that many of the UKWPMMP participants have been proactive in revising their wood marks in line with the guidance issued on 15th June 2009. For those companies that have still to amend their marks, so that they meet the requirements of the model examples provided in the revised version of ISPM15, they should note that if they have not done so 12 months on from the assessment that took place before 15th June 2009 (the date of the guidance note), we shall have to withdraw approval to apply the mark with immediate effect. We shall write individually to any company to which this applies inviting them to re-apply to join the Programme again once they have made arrangements to update their mark. It should be noted that this will involve the issue of a new producer code.

All UKWPMMP participants **MUST HAVE** an example of the new model marks in operation by **15 June 2010**. Examples of the new model marks are attached to this letter for ease of reference.

Yours sincerely

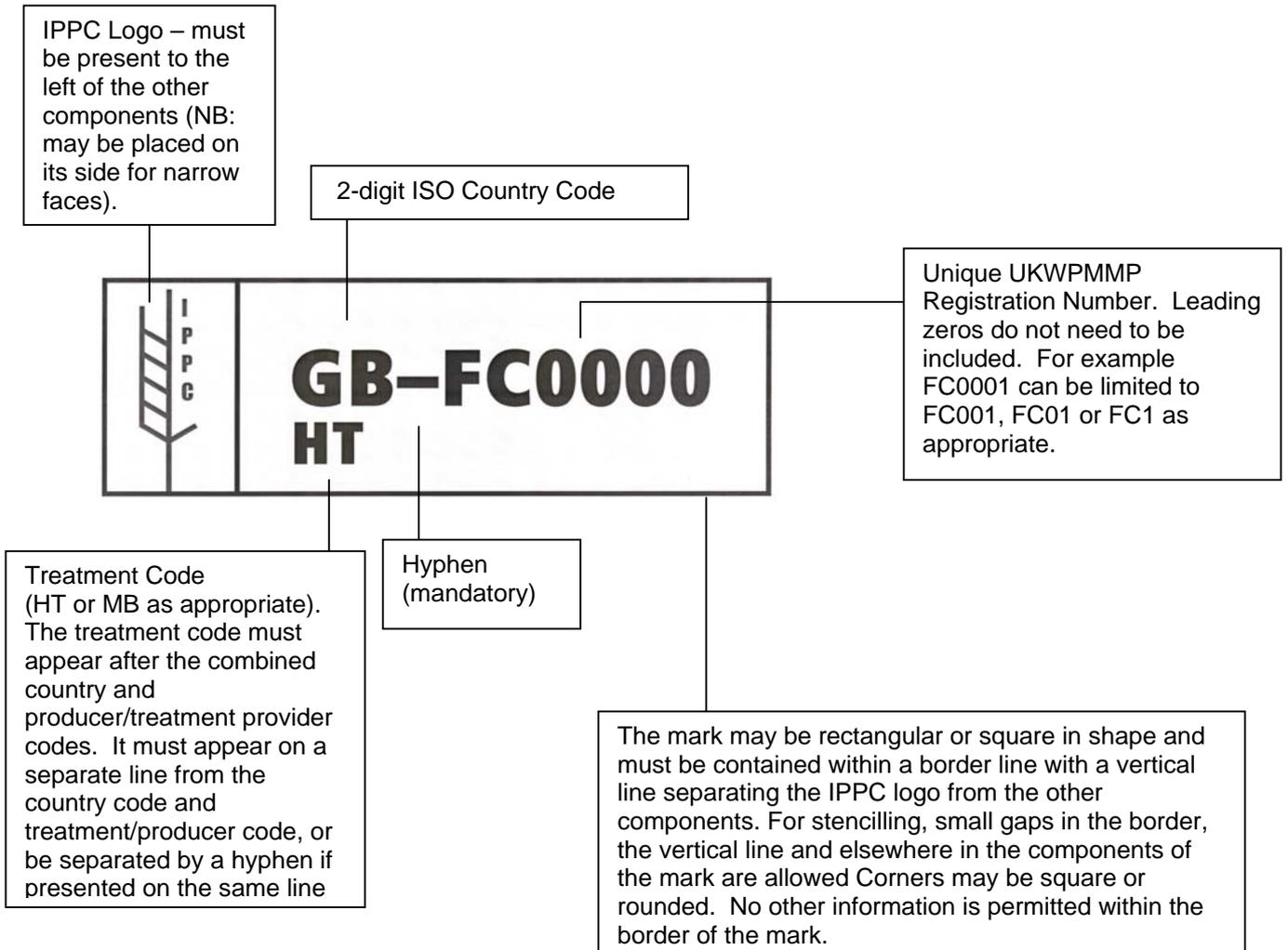


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Sample Mark



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



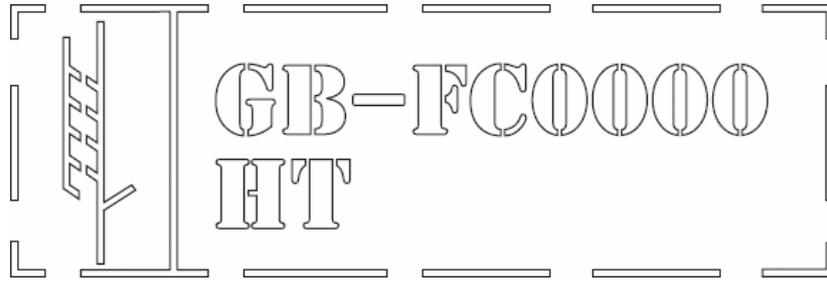
| Example 3



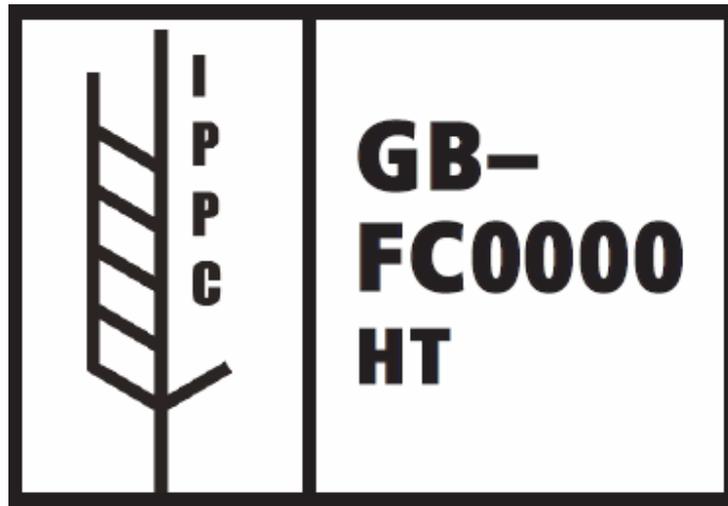
| Example 3 – version 2



| Example 4



| Example 4 – version 2



| Example 5



| Example 6