



REPORT

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Technical Panel on Forest Quarantine July 2013



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1. OPENING OF THE MEETING

1.1 Orientation Refresher for Adobe Connect

Before beginning the meeting, the IPPC Secretariat gave an overview of the virtual meeting software connection program Adobe Connect and also noted the etiquette and ground rules for participants to follow during the meeting (TPFQ_2013_July_00).

1.2 Welcome by the IPPC Secretariat

The IPPC Secretariat welcomed the participants to the meeting. The following eight members of the Technical Panel on Forest Quarantine (TPFQ) and two Secretariat staff participated in the meeting:

- Ms Julie **ALIAGA** (Steward), USA
- Mr Piotr **WLODARCZYK** (Assistant Steward), Poland
- Mr. Victor **AGYEMAN** (Member), Ghana
- Mr. Eric **ALLEN** (Member), IFQRG Chair
- Mr Shane **SELA** (Member), Canada
- Mr. Sven Christer **MAGNUSSON** (Member), Norway
- Mr. Mamoru **MATSUI** (Member), Japan
- Mr. Thomas **SCHRÖDER** (Member), Germany
- Mr. Michael **ORMSBY** (Secretariat Lead)
- Ms Celine **GERMAIN** (Secretariat Support)

The following members were unable to attend due to previous engagements or technical issues:

- Mr Edson Tadeu **IEDE** (Member), Brazil
- Mr Marcos Beéche **CISTERNAS** (Member), Chile

The Secretariat noted the primary purpose of the meeting was to review the tasks and documents from the June face-to-face meeting of the TPFQ in Brazil.

The panel approved the agenda and list of documents (TPFQ_2013_Jul_01) (see Appendix 1 to this report) with an added item included (as a standing item) to review emerging phytosanitary issues in forestry that may be considered by the panel (as agreed in the June meeting of the panel).

1.3 Introductions

The meeting participants introduced themselves and agreed to update their contact information on the International Phytosanitary Portal (IPP, www.ippc.int) if necessary¹ (provided as TPFQ_2013_Jul_02 to the meeting). The TPFQ Secretariat lead was elected as a chair for this virtual meeting as well as future virtual meetings.

1.4 Review and Agree Record of last Virtual Meeting

The panel members present reviewed and agreed to the record of the May 2013 Virtual Meeting of the TPFQ (TPFQ_2013_Jul_03_REPORT_TPFQ_May_Meeting).

¹ The TPFQ membership list, which includes contact information, can be found on the IPP at <https://www.ippc.int/publications/membership-tpfq>

2. UPDATES FROM THE SECRETARIAT AND OTHER RELEVANT BODIES

The Secretariat had no specific items to update the panel on since Brazil. The Steward updated the panel on the issue of an ISPM for the international movement of forest seeds. The SC agreed to a general seed ISPM being developed by an Expert Working Group (EWG) which has now met and drafted a standard with annexes for the various types of seed (including forest seed). The EWG has recommended to the SC that the development of an annex to the ISPM for forest seeds be put on the work programme for the TPFQ. The recommendation will be considered in e-decision by the SC in October.

Panel members noted that the TPFQ have already undertaken some work on this, especially on temperate tree seeds. Further work on tropical tree seeds will be required to get the full picture. A member offered to circulate to the panel a publication on forest tree seeds in general with a chapter on viruses. Specific issues that may be important such as forest seed trading volumes may also need further work. A member noted that the SC has suspended further work of the TPFQ (beyond the ISPM 15:2009 annex for treatment criteria). The SC will need to consider how this extra work on tree seeds could be completed.

The Secretariat updated the panel on the meeting of the Technical Panel for Phytosanitary Treatments (TPPT) in Japan last week (July 2013). The TPPT discussed a number of items relevant to the work of the TPFQ.

SF fumigation: the TPPT received a further submission from the developers of the treatment just prior to the TPPT meeting. The treatment lead was able to review the document and provide some comment to the TPPT. The developers attempted to explain the experimental anomaly of increasing dose with increasing temperatures by stating that the most resistant life stage of the nematode (PWN) is the egg stage. At lower temperatures the lifecycle of the nematodes is extended and eggs are able to hatch once the treatment is completed (e.g. after 24 hours). By extending the treatment to 48 hours the effects of an extended lifecycle at cooler temperatures is negated. The TPPT does not have the expertise in current members to comment on this and will be seeking external expert advice. Two members of the panel offered their services.

The TPPT noted that this extension of treatment time should also be necessary for colder treatments (15-20°C) but has not been tested. The TPPT considered that until this additional testing has been completed any treatment schedule will need to be at greater than 20°C.

A draft of the report from June meeting in Brazil (TPFQ_2013_Jul_04) is now available for comment by panel members. Several members have already commented on the draft and a forum will be opened on the IPP for the panel to review and discuss the report prior to the next virtual meeting.

3. UPDATE ON THE IFQRG/TPFQ WORK PROGRAMME 2012

The strategy from here is to do as much as we can to support the draft treatment criteria annex as well as the draft wood commodity ISPM that is out for country consultation at the moment. The IFQRG can anticipate some of the issues that are likely to come in on the consultation of the wood ISPM and compile information on those in a form suitable for the Steward to consider at the appropriate time.

For the draft treatment criteria annex, some issues can be anticipated and documents prepared in advance to support the Steward. For example a publication will need to be prepared in advance of the member consultation to better explain the 'Cardiff Protocol' and provide information to demonstrate its use and practicality. Issues such as population variability including fungal isolates will need to be clarified to support why the list of test pests is as small as it is.

Stewards will need the support of the experts (panel and IFQRG members) to respond to the more technical submissions from member countries. IFQRG members will not be able to see country comments but Stewards will be able to ask specific questions (if required).

This year's (2013) IFQRG meeting will be a little different than other years. It will be in China and will coincide with the International Congress on Biological Invasions (ICBI) and a meeting of the IUFRO working group that has a similar role as IFQRG, namely 7.03.12 Invasive Species in International Trade. This will ensure more researchers attend IFQRG along with more Asian participants.

4. DISCUSSION/STATUS ON IPSM 15 TREATMENT CRITERIA

4.1 Draft treatment criteria

A draft of the ISPM 15:2009 annex for treatment criteria has been circulated to panel members for comment (TPFQ_2013_Jul_05). Several members have already commented on the draft and a forum will be opened on the IPP for the panel to review and discuss the annex prior to the next virtual meeting.

A member raised some concerns about the use of language in the pre-amble to the annex. The use of the terms 'testing' and 'evaluation' seems confusing as TPPT does the evaluation of treatments and the annex should be focused on the testing of treatments. The text should be revised to ensure consistent use of terms. Another suggestion was to include a further paragraph to explain more clearly the purpose of the annex. Members can make comments into the IPP forum when it is established.

The IPP forums will need to be run at least until early September (second week) to ensure all members can comment.

5. WORK PROGRAMME FOR 2012/13

The work programme provided (TPFQ_2013_Jul_06) was updated from the June (Brazil) meeting of the TPFQ.

Emerging phytosanitary issues in forestry: A member noted that when the wood commodity ISPM goes through member consultation it is likely that issues will be raised that the panel will need to address.

SC members have been discussing the issue of bark in relation to the definition of 'wood' which is the focus of the draft Wood Commodity ISPM. It was considered that bark should be out of the scope of the wood ISPM. It was also considered that wood composites could be in the wood products ISPM rather than the wood ISPM. If these wood products are not included in the wood commodities ISPM, where are they going to be dealt with? Including them in the wood ISPM may be the most efficient way to provide the requirements for these products. A member noted that the SC should make the decision on this issue (not the TPFQ). The ultimate goal is to ensure that appropriate guidance is provided on all of these products. As the dividing line between these ISPMs will be difficult to draw, we may need to be flexible on the definitions and perhaps extend the scope of the specifications.

ACTION: The Secretariat to add this issue to the agenda of the next virtual meeting of the TPFQ.

Explanatory document development: The SC has already approved the TPFQ development of the ISPM 15 explanatory document. Other explanatory documents are being developed by the CDC and the SC is concerned that the technical experts on EWG, while being the best at understanding the issues, are not as involved in the CDC process as perhaps they should be.

Updates on items on the work programme:

1. Explanatory documents: The author considers the documents are ready to go subject to a final review by the sub-authors. The member who drafted the heat treatment section noted that this part of the document covers only 'hi-tech' kilns rather than all types of heat treating systems. Member comments on the document once it is made available should help resolve any issues there may be.

2. Wood moisture content (and Methyl bromide penetration): SC is awaiting a further response from the panel, probably at their May 2014 meeting. The panel may wish to expand on their earlier paper to the SC or advise that no further information can be added to this discussion. The panel considered if there would be value in passing this issue on to the TPPT, however the issue is focused on wood moisture content on which the TPPT has little expertise. The panel decided to look again at the document at the next virtual meeting of the TPFQ and considered if improvements could be made or if IFQRG input would add value. The document will be shared with TPPT for their comment and support.

ACTION: The Secretariat to add this issue to the agenda of the next virtual meeting of the TPFQ.

6. RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE SC

There were no recommendations to SC from this virtual meeting.

At the June meeting in Brazil the TPFQ raised concerns about the definition of ‘substantial concerns’. The TPFQ Steward requested panel members discuss this issue within their country and pass any comments on to the Steward prior to the SC meeting.

7. OTHER BUSINESS

No other business was discussed.

8. FOLLOW-UP ACTIONS FOR NEXT TPFQ VIRTUAL MEETING

At its next virtual meeting, the panel will consider the joint work programme with IFQRG and any recommendations or documents that need to be prepared for the November 2013 or May 2014 meeting of the Standards Committee.

9. CLOSE OF THE MEETING

The TPFQ agreed that the next virtual meeting should take place around the first week of October 2013. The IPPC Secretariat will select a meeting time and confirm with TPFQ members.

The TPFQ members will also adopt outstanding virtual meeting reports via email or at their next meeting.

APPENDIX 1 – AGENDA

AGENDA ITEM	DOCUMENT NO.	PRESENTER
1. Opening of the meeting		
1.1 Orientation Refresher for Adobe Connect	TPFQ_2013_Jul_00	DUBON/ ORMSBY
1.2 Welcome by the IPPC Secretariat	TPFQ_2013_Jul_01_Agenda	ORMSBY
1.3 Introductions	TPFQ_2013_Jul_02_Participants List	ORMSBY
1.4 Review and agree record of last meeting	TPFQ_2013_Jul_03_ May Meeting Report	ORMSBY
2. Secretariat Maintenance and Updates from relevant Bodies (inc Standards Committee)		ORMSBY
2.1 Review of documents from the TPFQ meeting in Brazil, June 2013	TPFQ_2013_Jul_04_Brazil Meeting Report	ALL
3. Update on IFQRG/IPPC work programme 2013		ALLEN
4. Discussion/status on IPSM 15 Treatment Criteria		
4.1 Draft treatment criteria	TPFQ_2013_Jul_05_Draft Criteria	ALL
5. Work Programme for 2013	TPFQ_2013_Jul_06_Work Programme	ALL
5.1 ISPM 15 (2009) explanatory document		SELA
5.2 Wood Moisture content and MBr penetration		ALL
6. Recommendations to the SC (if applicable)		ORMSBY
7. Other business		ORMSBY
8. Follow-up Actions for next TPFQ Virtual Meeting		ORMSBY
9. Close of the meeting		ORMSBY

APPENDIX 2 – WORK PROGRAMME FOR 2013

Work programme TPFQ 2013-14

(last updated 18 Jul 2013)

2013 - 2014 Task Descriptions for the TPFQ

Task Description	Expected delivery date
ISPM 15 (2009) Explanatory Document	Awaiting Annex 1 Amendment
Heat Treatment (HT) for ISPM 15 (2009) Explanatory (Guidance) Document	Awaiting Annex 1 Amendment
Methyl Bromide (MB) for ISPM 15 (2009) Explanatory (Guidance) Document	Awaiting Annex 1 Amendment
ISPM 15 (2009) Treatment Criteria	TPFQ Meeting June 2013
Developing the “Cardiff Protocol” with IFQRG working group	Prior to TPFQ Meeting June 2013
High moisture content in wood and penetration of methyl bromide	November SC meeting 2013
Manage IFQRG/IPPC Joint Work Programme	On-going

2013 - 2014 Work Programme for the TPFQ

Date	TPFQ Action	Responsible Person(s)
2013		
2013 February		
02/18	TPFQ February 2013 Virtual Meeting – Set Calendar for 2013/14.	TPFQ
2013 April		
04/08 – 04/12	(April) CPM 8 – Seminar on Probit 9.	Aliaga/Forest / Włodarczyk
2013 May		
05/06 – 05/10	May 2013 Standards Committee Meeting	Aliaga/Forest / Włodarczyk
05/10	Completed “Cardiff Protocol” and required data	IFQRG
05/10	Final posting of documents for TPFQ ‘Face-to-Face’ Meeting in June.	TPFQ
05/13 – 05/17	2013 Standards Committee 7 Meeting	
05/23	TPFQ May 2013 Virtual Meeting – Planning for ‘face-to-face’ TPFQ Meeting.	TPFQ
2013 June		
06/10 – 06/14	TPFQ 2013 ‘Face-to-Face’ Meeting, Brazil	TPFQ
2013 September		
09/??	TPFQ September 2013 Virtual Meeting – Review draft documents for SC November 2013 and IFQRG/IPPC joint work programme.	TPFQ
2013 October		
10/28 – 11/01	2013 Meeting of the International Forest Quarantine Research Group (IFQRG 11).	Allen

Date	TPFQ Action	Responsible Person(s)
2013 November		
11/?? – 11/??	November Standards Committee Meeting	Aliaga/Forest / Włodarczyk
2013 December		
12/10	TPFQ December 2013 Virtual Meeting – Review November Standards Committee decisions and documents for May SC Meeting 2014.	TPFQ
2014		
2014 February		
02/~06	TPFQ February 2014 Virtual Meeting – Set Calendar for 2014.	TPFQ
2014 April		
04/?? – 04/??	(April) CPM 9	Aliaga/Forest / Włodarczyk
2014 May		
05/?? – 05/??	May 2013 Standards Committee Meeting	Aliaga/Forest / Włodarczyk
05/?? – 05/??	2013 Standards Committee 7 Meeting	
05/??	TPFQ May 2014 Virtual Meeting – Discuss May SC and CPM 9 outcomes	TPFQ
2014 June		
07/??	TPFQ July 2014 Virtual Meeting – Prepare for IFQRG 12.	TPFQ