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Technical Panel on Forest Quarantine December 2014



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1. OPENING OF THE MEETING

1.1 Orientation Refresher for Adobe Connect¹

[1] Before beginning the meeting, the International Plant Protection Convention (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. The IPPC Secretariat also introduced further guidance for resolving problems with connection quality during virtual meetings using Adobe Connect.

1.2 Welcome by the IPPC Secretariat²

[2] The IPPC Secretariat welcomed the participants to the meeting. The following two stewards, five members of the Technical Panel on Forest Quarantine (TPFQ) and Secretariat staff participated in the meeting:

[3] – Mr. Edson Tadeu **IEDE** (Member), Brazil

[4] – Ms. Marie-Claude **FOREST** (Assistant Steward), Canada

[5] – Mr. Sven Christer **MAGNUSSON** (Member), Norway

[6] – Mr. Mamoru **MATSUI** (Member), Japan

[7] – Mr. Michael **ORMSBY** (TPFQ Lead, IPPC Secretariat)

[8] – Mr. Nuri **NIYAZI** (Technical Panel for Phytosanitary Treatments (TPPT) Lead, IPPC Secretariat)

[9] – Mr. Shane **SELA** (Member), Canada

[10] – Mr. Piotr **WLODARCZYK** (Steward), Poland

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

[12] – Mr. Eric **ALLEN** (Member), IFQRG Chair

[13] – Mr. Victor **AGYEMAN** (Member), Ghana

[14] – Mr. Marcos Beéche **CISTERNAS** (Member), Chile

[15] – Mr. Thomas **SCHRÖDER** (Member), Germany

[16] The Secretariat noted the primary purpose of the meeting was to consider the TPFQ-relevant outcomes of the November Standards Committee (SC) meeting, and consider and agree any documents from this panel that will be tabled at the May 2015 meeting of the SC.

[17] The panel approved the agenda and list of documents for this meeting (see Appendix 1 to this report).

1.3 Introductions

[18] The meeting participants introduced themselves and agreed to update their contact information on the International Phytosanitary Portal (IPP, www.ippc.int) if necessary³. The TPFQ Secretariat Lead was elected as a chair for this virtual meeting as well as future virtual meetings.

¹ <https://www.ippc.int/core-activities/standards-setting/virtual-tools>

² 01_TPFQ_2014_Dec

³ The TPFQ membership list, which includes contact information, can be found on the IPP at <https://www.ippc.int/publications/membership-tpfq>

1.4 Review and Agree Record of the last Virtual Meeting⁴

- [19] The panel members present agreed to the record of the October 2014 Virtual Meeting of the TPFQ.
- [20] Action items from the October 2014 meeting were added to the agenda of this meeting: the review of the forest seed annex to the draft International Standards for Phytosanitary Measures (ISPM) for the international movement of seed (see agenda item 5.4).

2. UPDATES FROM THE SECRETARIAT AND OTHER RELEVANT BODIES⁵

- [21] The Secretariat reported on the November meeting of the SC and noted the following key issues related to the TPFQ:
- [22] a) On the resignation of Ms. Julie Aliaga from the SC, for (2004-004) *Technical Panel for Forest Quarantine*: Mr Piotr WLODARCZYK (Poland) was assigned steward and Ms Marie Claude FORREST (Canada) was assigned assistant steward. For (2006-010) *Revision of ISPM 15 Criteria for treatments for wood packaging material in international trade*: Ms Marie-Claude FORREST (Canada) was assigned assistant steward.
- [23] Members of the TPFQ noted the valuable guidance and leadership provided by Ms. Julie Aliaga in her time as Steward of the TPFQ, and wished to convey their thanks.
- [24] b) The SC *noted* the TPFQ literature review on the effects of moisture content on the ability for methyl bromide to penetrate wood and *agreed* that the possible negative effects of methyl bromide penetration into wood with a high enough moisture content to impede the treatment is negligible for wood treated in normal circumstances. The SC *thanked* the TPFQ, steward and IFQRG for the work done.
- [25] c) The SC agreed to propose the Commission on Phytosanitary Measures (CPM) to include the revision of the current dielectric heating (DH) schedule in Annex 1 of ISPM 15 in the topic *Revision of ISPM 15: Criteria for treatments for wood packaging material in international trade* (2006-010). If included by the CPM, the SC May 2015 would review the proposal for the revision to the schedule and decide on the next steps.
- [26] d) The SC *noted* the TPFQ initiative to propose an international workshop be held on the Implementation of ISPM 15 and asked the IPPC Coordinator to share the proposal within the Secretariat. Further the SC *asked* the Implementation Review and Support System (IRSS) to consider a global survey on the implementation issues associated with ISPM 15.
- [27] An SC member noted that there is currently a call from the IPPC Secretariat to National Plant Protection Organizations (NPPOs) to raise any issues they may be having with the implementation of ISPMs or the Convention (IPPC). It is also possible that NPPOs could raise the need for a workshop on ISPM 15 implementation at CPM-10 (2015).
- [28] The SC also *approved* the draft ISPM on the *International movement of wood* (2006-029) as modified in the meeting for submission to CPM-10 (2015) for adoption. The draft ISPM will now be open for formal objects prior to CPM-10.

3. UPDATE ON THE IFQRG/TPFQ WORK PROGRAMME 2014

- [29] The joint work programme between TPFQ and the International Forest Quarantine Research Group (IFQRG) was not specifically discussed at this meeting.

⁴ 02_TPFQ_2014_Dec_October 2014_Meeting_Report

⁵ 03_TPFQ_2014_Dec_Secretariat Update

4. DISCUSSION/STATUS ON ISPM 15 TREATMENT CRITERIA^{6,7}

- [30] The Steward for the treatment criteria annex to ISPM 15 (2009) noted that the text of the draft annex had been updated based on discussions at IFQRG and the ISPM 15 Workshop in China.
- [31] The panel reviewed the updated text of the draft treatment criteria annex to ISPM 15 (2009) and agreed that the suggested amendments did improve the clarity and readability of the text. It was noted that the TPFQ has agreed that much of the text related to the description of the Cardiff Protocol will be removed from the annex (e.g. Step 4 in the document) and as such work on the text of this part of the annex can be left until IFQRG has completed its work on the Cardiff Protocol.
- [32] **ACTION:** The Secretariat will capture the suggested changes into the text of the annex for later reference when the annex is finalized on report back from IFQRG.

5. WORK PROGRAMME FOR 2014-2015⁸

- [33] The work programme provided was updated from the October virtual meeting of the TPFQ.

5.1 ISPM 15 (2009) explanatory document

- [34] Not discussed at this meeting.

5.2. Draft Annex 1 Sulfuryl Fluoride (SF) schedule for ISPM 15 (2009)^{9, 10, 11}

- [35] The paper on the inclusion of the SF schedule in annex 1 of ISPM 15 (2009) was reviewed by the TPFQ in an online forum and again in the meeting. Members were reminded that the Technical Panel for Phytosanitary Treatments (TPPT) have developed two SF schedules for inclusion in ISPM 28 as general wood treatments. Only one of these schedules (for insects and Pine Wood Nematode) would meet the original criteria for ISPM 15 (2009) treatments.
- [36] Members expressed concern that the SF was not shown to be efficacious against fungal pests likely to be found on wood packaging material (WPM). Members noted that lacking a proven efficacy against fungi would make the treatment inconsistent with the new treatment criteria being considered for ISPM 15 (2009) that includes a requirement that treatments are suitably efficacious against fungi.
- [37] It was also noted that guidance material for the application of SF on WPM will need to be developed and included in the ISPM 15 Explanatory Document alongside the guidance material for the other approved treatments. The panel noted that particular guidance on the required treatment temperatures and how those could be achieved in operational conditions would need to be included.
- [38] The members present discussed a number of possible amendments to the text and agreed to the final text of the paper, with the proviso that the SC agree to the treatment noting the lack of proven efficacy against fungi and the likely inconsistency this will create with the new treatment criteria for ISPM 15 (2009).
- [39] **ACTION:** The draft SC paper on the inclusion of the SF schedule in annex 1 of ISPM 15 (2009) will be added to the agenda of the SC meeting in May 2015.

⁶ 04_TPFQ_2014_Dec_Draft treatment criteria annex ISPM 15

⁷ 05_TPFQ_2014_Dec_Explanation of changes

⁸ 06_TPFQ_2014_Dec_TPFQ 2014-15 Work Programme

⁹ 07_TPFQ_2014_Dec_SC Paper SF Schedule ISPM 15

¹⁰ 08_TPFQ_2014_Dec_TPPT ISPM 28 Draft SF Schedule

¹¹ 09_TPFQ_2014_Dec_Forum discussion summary Draft SF Schedule

5.3. Wood handicrafts ISPM EWG

[40] This item was not discussed.

5.4. Tree seed annex to (draft) Seed ISPM

[41] It was noted in discussion with the members drafting this annex that the text seems to primarily provide guidance material. The authors considered that a number of options on how to proceed are available. These include:

[42] a) Continuing with the forest seed annex that will contain mainly guidance material.

[43] b) Suggest changes to the text of the seed standard that will ensure forest seed is adequately covered, and prepare an explanatory document to contain the guidance material.

[44] The authors who were not in attendance at the virtual meeting will prepare a discussion paper on the possible way forward for panel discussion.

[45] **ACTION:** ALLEN/SCHRODER will prepare an options paper and report back to the panel.

5.5. Emerging phytosanitary issues in forestry

[46] No new emerging issues in forestry were raised at the meeting.

6. RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE SC

[47] The TPFQ:

[48] *invited* the SC to consider the paper on the inclusion of the SF schedule in annex 1 of ISPM 15 (2009) and members concerns regarding the lack of proven efficacy against fungi in WPM.

7. OTHER BUSINESS¹²

[49] The TPFQ noted previous attempts made by IFQRG to form connections with the International Tropical Timber Organization.

[50] **ACTION:** Panel members will consider how better to link to this international organization.

8. FOLLOW-UP ACTIONS FOR NEXT TPFQ VIRTUAL MEETING

[51] At its next virtual meeting, the panel will consider a report on the work of IFQRG related to the TPFQ work programme.

9. CLOSE OF THE MEETING

[52] The TPFQ agreed that the next virtual meeting should take place around the end of February 2015 should further material require approval for the May SC meeting. The IPPC Secretariat will select a meeting time and confirm with TPFQ members.

[53] The TPFQ members will adopt outstanding virtual meeting reports via an e-forum or at their next meeting.

¹² 10_TPFQ_2014_Oct_CBD ITTO announcement

APPENDIX 1 – AGENDA**AGENDA (DRAFT)***(last updated 19 November 2014)*

AGENDA ITEM	DOCUMENT NO.	PRESENTER
1. Opening of the meeting		
1.1 Orientation Refresher for Adobe Connect	https://www.ippc.int/core-activities/standards-setting/virtual-tools	DUBON/ ORMSBY
1.2 Welcome by the IPPC Secretariat	01_TPFQ_2014_Dec_Agenda	ORMSBY
1.3 Introductions	https://www.ippc.int/publications/membership-tpfq	ORMSBY
1.4 Review and agree record of last meeting	02_TPFQ_2014_Dec_Oct 2014 Meeting Report	ORMSBY
2. Secretariat Maintenance and Updates from relevant Bodies (inc Standards Committee)	03_TPFQ_2014_Dec_Secretariat Update	ORMSBY
3. Update on IFQRG/IPPC work programme 2014		ALLEN
4. Discussion/status on IPSM 15 Treatment Criteria	04_TPFQ_2014_Dec_Draft treatment criteria annex 05_TPFQ_2014_Dec_Explanation of changes	WLODARCZYK
5. Work Programme for 2014-2015	06_TPFQ_2014_Dec_Work Programme	ALL
5.1 ISPM 15 (2009) explanatory document	https://www.ippc.int/publications/ispm-15-explanatory-document-shane-sela-lead-author-thomas-schroeder-matsui-mamoru-and	SELA
5.2 Annex 1 SF schedule for ISPM 15 (2009)	07_TPFQ_2014_Dec_SC Paper SF Schedule ISPM 15 08_TPFQ_2014_Dec_TPPT ISPM 28 Draft SF Schedule 09_TPFQ_2014_Dec_Forum discussion summary	ORMSBY
5.3 Wood handicrafts ISPM EWG	https://www.ippc.int/publications/2014-09-expert-working-group-international-movement-wood-products-and-handicrafts-made	SELA
5.4 Tree seed annex to Seed ISPM		ALLEN/ SCHRODER
5.5 Emerging Phytosanitary Issues in Forestry		ALL
6. Recommendations to the SC (if applicable)		ORMSBY
7. Other business		ORMSBY
7.1 IPPC links to the International Tropical Timber Organization	10_TPFQ_2014_Dec_CBD ITTO announcement	ALL
8. Follow-up Actions for next TPFQ Virtual Meeting		ORMSBY
9. Close of the meeting		ORMSBY

APPENDIX 2 – WORK PROGRAMME FOR 2014*(last updated 19 November 2014)***2014-15 Task Descriptions for the TPFQ**

Task Description	Expected delivery date
Review forest seed annex to the Draft ISPM for the movement of seed for propagation.	Prior to SC Meeting Nov 2014
ISPM 15 (2009) Treatment Criteria	Prior to SC Meeting May 2015
Developing the “Cardiff Protocol” with IFQRG working group	Prior to SC Meeting May 2015
Recommendation for an ISPM 15 Workshop on Implementation	Prior to SC Meeting Nov 2014
Recommendation for a minor review of annex 1 (DH) of ISPM 15	Prior to SC Meeting Nov 2014
Recommendation for adding SF to annex 1 and 2 of ISPM 15	For SC Meeting May 2015
Manage IFQRG/IPPC Joint Work Programme	On-going

2014-15 Work Programme for the TPFQ

Date	TPFQ Action	Responsible Person(s)
2014		
2014 December		
12/10	TPFQ December 2014 Virtual Meeting – Finalise documents for May SC meeting.	TPFQ
2015 February		
02/~06	TPFQ February 2015 Virtual Meeting – Set Calendar for 2015, finalise documents for May SC meeting.	TPFQ
2015 March		
03/16 – 03/20	(April) CPM 10	Forest/ Włodarczyk
2015 May		
05/04 – 05/08	May 2013 Standards Committee Meeting	Forest/ Włodarczyk
05/11 – 05/15	2013 Standards Committee 7 Meeting	
2015 June		
First weeks	TPFQ July 2015 Virtual Meeting – Review CPM 9 and SC reports, prepare for IFQRG 13.	TPFQ
2015 September		
Tentative	IFQRG 13 – Manchester, England (Tentative)	TPFQ
2015 October		
First week	TPFQ October 2015 Virtual Meeting – Review IFQRG 13 report, prepare for November SC.	TPFQ
2015 November		
11/16 – 11/20	2015 November Standards Committee Meeting	Forest/ Włodarczyk