



UPDATE ON ACTIVITIES OF THE TECHNICAL PANEL ON FOREST QUARANTINE (TPFQ) FROM MAY 2014 TO APRIL 2015

As presented at the May 2015 Standards Committee (SC) meeting

(Prepared by the IPPC Secretariat)

[1] The IPPC Secretariat support for the Technical Panel on Quarantine (TPFQ) are:

- Mr. Michael D. Ormsby (lead)
- Mr Nuri Niyazi (back up).

Membership update

[2] The TPFQ membership detailed list and the members contact information can be found on [IPP](#). In table 1 there is the simplified list of the TPFQ membership.

Table 1. TPFQ membership (as of March 2015)

Participant role	Name (country/organisation)	Term expires*
Steward	Mr Piotr WLODARCZYK (POLAND)	
Assistant steward	Ms Marie-Claude FOREST	
Member	Mr. Victor AGYEMAN (GHANA)	November 2016
Member	Mr Edson Tadeu IEDE (BRAZIL)	November 2016
Member	Mr Shane SELA (CANADA)	November 2016
Member	Mr. Mamoru MATSUI (JAPAN)	November 2016
Member	Mr. Thomas SCHRÖDER (GERMANY)	November 2016
Member	Mr Marcos Beéche CISTERNAS (CHILE)	November 2016
Member	Mr. Sven Christer MAGNUSSON (NORWAY)	November 2016
Member	Mr. Eric ALLEN (IFQRG Chair)	November 2016

* Terms expected to expire once panel work completed

Volume of work for the TPFQ from May 2014 to April 2015

[3] Since May 2014 the TPFQ has met online (virtually) three times¹:

- July 2014 virtual meeting,
- October 2014 virtual meeting,
- December 2014 virtual meeting.

[4] The panel also undertook six online discussions to review draft documents, using the discussion forum facility provided on the IPP.

[5] Over this period the TPFQ continued to liaise with the International Forest Quarantine Research Group on matters relevant to the work of the panel.

¹ TPFQ meeting reports available at: <https://www.ippc.int/core-activities/standards-setting/expert-drafting-groups/technical-panels/technical-panel-forest-quarantine>

Highlights on the work

- [6] The TPFQ drafted a number of documents for SC consideration including:
- [7] - The effect of moisture content on the penetration of methyl bromide into wood packaging material
 - [8] - The proposal to amend the dielectric heating schedule in annex 1 of ISPM 15
 - [9] - Proposal for an International Workshop on ISPM 15 Implementation
 - [10] - The inclusion of the phytosanitary treatment: Sulfuryl fluoride fumigation of wood packaging material (2007-101) in ISPM 15
- [11] The TPFQ has continued to work on drafting the forest seed annex to the draft ISPM for the *International movement of seed (2009-003)* and the *Revision of ISPM 15 (Regulation of wood packaging material in international trade): Criteria for treatments for wood packaging material in international trade (2006-010)*.

Tentative work plan for the period May 2015-April 2016

- [12] The Secretariat anticipates that the TPFQ will continue to meet virtually to complete their work programme. Outstanding work includes:
- [13] - Revision of ISPM 15 (Regulation of wood packaging material in international trade): Criteria for treatments for wood packaging material in international trade (2006-010).
 - [14] - Drafting the forest seed annex to the draft ISPM for the International movement of seed (2009-003).
 - [15] - Responding to the formal objection on the draft ISPM on the *International movement of wood (2006-029)*, the TPFQ may be asked to assist the Steward.
 - [16] - Responding to member comments, depending on the SC May 2015 decision. The TPFQ may be asked to assist the Steward on the revision of dielectric heating section (Annex 1 (*Approved treatments associated with wood packaging material*) to ISPM 15 (*Regulation of wood packaging material in international trade*) (2006-010AB).
- [17] Relevant decisions from the SC Report, May 2015, Section 6.5
- [18] The SC:
- [19] noted the following TPFQ meeting reports: July 2014, October 2014, and December 2014 virtual meeting reports.
- [20] noted the work carried out by the TPFQ since May 2015.
- [21] noted the tentative TPFQ work plan for the period May 2015-April 2016.
- [22] requested the TPFQ to set as a high priority the development of the draft annex on forest seeds (2009-003) in order to submit it to the SC November 2015 meeting.