



REPORT

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1. Opening of the meeting

- [1] The IPPC Secretariat (hereafter Secretariat) welcomed the participants to the meeting. The following Technical Panel for Forest Quarantine (TPFQ) members participated in the meeting: Mr. Sven Christer **MAGNUSSON** (Norway), Mr. Mamoru **MATSUI** (Japan), Mr. Shane **SELA** (Canada), and Mr. Thomas **SCHRÖDER** (Germany).
- [2] In addition the following four Standard Committee (SC) members: Ms. Marie-Claude **FOREST** (Assistant Steward for the TPFQ (2004-004), Steward for the topic on the International Movement of Wood (2006-029)), and Ms. Alice **NDIKONTAR** (Steward for the topic on the International Movement of Wood Products and Handicrafts made from Wood (2008-008)); and Secretariat staff member Mr. Michael **ORMSBY** also attended.
- [3] The full list of TPFQ members and their contact details can be found on the International Phytosanitary Portal (IPP)¹.
- [4] The Secretariat gave a brief explanation of the use of the Adobe Connect tool.
- [5] Mr Michael **ORMSBY** took on the role of Chair and introduced the agenda which was adopted as presented in Appendix 1 of this report.
- [6] **Election of rapporteur**
- [7] Mr Michael **ORMSBY** acted as the rapporteur.

1.1. Report on June 2015 Virtual Meeting of the TPFQ

- [8] The panel reviewed the report from the June 2015 virtual meeting of the TPFQ and reviewed the actions from that meeting:
- [9] Actions agreed at the June 2015 virtual meeting of the TPFQ stated that the TPFQ:
- agreed to support the Steward taking [the issues with regard to the treatment criteria for ISPM 15 (International movement of wood packaging material) (2009)] back to the SC to consider, by developing a paper for the SC meeting in November. A small working group was established to prepare this paper for consideration by TPFQ in a forum or a later virtual meeting.*
- agreed to work with the Steward on the issues raised [on the draft ISPM for the International movement of wood products and handicrafts made from wood (2008-008)] by SC members via emails and online forum as necessary.*
- agreed that Sela will review the range of potential products that could be included in the scope of the [draft ISPM for the International movement of wood products and handicrafts made from wood].*
- agreed to work on the draft [ISPM for the International movement of wood (2006-029)] in a forum to better align the standard with a commodity standard, once the working group has reported.*
- agreed that Sela will attempt to re-draft the [ISPM for the International movement of wood (2006-029)] to focus on providing guidance on how to consider the potential risks of wood in trade.*
- agreed to support Canada in the submission of ‘systems approaches in forestry’ as a topic for consideration for the standard setting work programme.*

- [10] The panel noted that all of these actions were completed or will be completed as planned.

2. Secretariat Maintenance and Updates from relevant Bodies (inc Standards Committee)

- [11] The Secretariat provided verbal updates for the TPFQ.

¹ TPFQ membership list: <https://www.ippc.int/publications/membership-tpfq>

[12] The Secretariat noted that the Technical Panel for Phytosanitary Treatments (2004-005) (TPPT) had met in a face to face meeting in Fukushima, Japan, since the last virtual meeting on the panel. A review of the draft report of the TPPT meeting found little of relevance to the current TPFQ work programme. It was noted that the TPPT are drafting ISPMs for the application of treatments and had worked extensively on the topic for the *Requirements for the use of temperature treatments as a phytosanitary measure* (2014-005).

[13] The Secretariat also noted that the possibility of a face to face meeting of the TPFQ in the first or second week of June 2016. The intention is for the TPFQ to complete the bulk of the work on the outstanding items on the TPFQ work programme as well as any further items that may be added by the SC. For one or more of these items it is expected that experts will need to be invited to supplement the expertise of the TPFQ and provide the advice required to complete the work.

[14] The TPFQ members present noted their support for the meeting should the budget be approved.

3. Update on IFQRG/IPPC work programme 2015

[15] The TPFQ did not discuss this agenda item.

4. Discussion/status on IPSM 15 Treatment Criteria (2006-010)

[16] The TPFQ did not discuss this agenda item.

5. TPFQ Work Programme for 2015

[17] The meeting participants discussed the following topics on the TPFQ work programme.

5.1 International Movement of Wood Products and Handicrafts made from Wood (2008-008)

[18] The Steward Alice **NDIKONTAR** provided an update on the re-drafting of the ISPM for the *International movement of wood products and handicrafts made from wood* (2008-008) (ISPM for Wooden Handicrafts). The changes made came after discussions with members of the original expert working group (EWG) and the SC in May. The panel noted that the re-drafted ISPM for Wooden Handicrafts was not significantly different from the original.

[19] It was noted that the main SC issues were with the reference to treatments listed in ISPM 15 *International movement of wood packaging material* (2009), and the use of a 'certificate of compliance' rather than a phytosanitary certificate. These issues still need to be resolved for the SC.

[20] The TPFQ:

- (1) *agreed* to provide comments on the re-drafted ISPM for Wooden Handicrafts in time for the Steward to submit the document to the SC meeting in November.

5.2 International Movement of Wood (2006-029)

[21] The Steward Marie-Claude **FOREST** noted that the text of the draft ISPM for the *International movement of wood* (2006-029) (the ISPM for Wood) has been re-written after reviewing the report from the Commission on Phytosanitary Measures (CPM) working group on the *Concept of a commodity standard* (WG) that met in July 2015. The text was re-written to better align with what the recommendations made by the CPM WG on what should be considered appropriate for a commodity standard. The review also took into account the direction provided by the SC and comments made in the objection raised at the CPM in noting that more requirements are necessary for the standard.

[22] In summary the text was simplified to include more requirements and modified to align with the commodity standard template provided by the CPM WG. Much of the text has not been changed but some parts have been moved around or into an appendix. Minor changes included words such as 'may'

that were changed into 'should' where appropriate. Moving the section on treatments into the appendix ensures the standard focuses on the risks of wood moving internationally and removes information that is advice rather than requirements.

[23] The Steward intends to provide an update to the SC at its meeting in November.

[24] The TPFQ discussed the re-drafted standard noting a number of areas that were improved.

[25] The TPFQ:

- (2) *agreed* to provide comments on the re-drafted ISPM for Wood in time for the Steward to submit the document to the SC meeting in November.

5.3 Emerging Phytosanitary Issues in Forestry

[26] No new emerging phytosanitary risks in forestry were raised at the meeting.

6. Other Business

[27] No other business was raised.

7. Close of the meeting

[28] The Secretariat thanked the TPFQ and SC members for their participation and closed the meeting.

Appendix 1 - Agenda**2015 OCTOBER VIRTUAL MEETING OF THE TECHNICAL PANEL FOR
FOREST QUARANTINE****06 October 2015**

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_2015_Oct_Agenda	ORMSBY
1.3 Introductions	https://www.ippc.int/publications/membership-tpfq	ORMSBY
1.4 Report of last meeting	02_TPFQ_2015_Oct_Report_DRAFT_TPFQ_2015_June	ORMSBY
2. Secretariat Maintenance and Updates from relevant Bodies (inc Standards Committee)		ORMSBY
3. Update on IFQRG/IPPC work programme 2015		ALLEN
4. Discussion/status on IPSM 15 Treatment Criteria (2006-010)		WLODARCZYK
5. Work Programme for 2015	03_TPFQ_2015_Oct_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&2 SF schedule for ISPM15 (2006-010A)		WLODARCZYK
5.3 Annex 1 DH schedule for ISPM15 (2006-010B)		WLODARCZYK
5.4 Wood handicrafts ISPM (draft) (2008-008)	06_TPFQ_2015_Oct_Draft Handicraft ISPM	NDIKONTAR
5.5 Wood ISPM (draft) (2006-029)	04_TPFQ_2015_Oct_REPORT_WGCommodityStandard 05_TPFQ_2015_Oct_Draft Wood ISPM	FOREST
5.6 Tree seed annex to Seed ISPM (2009-004)		HORN
5.7 Emerging Phytosanitary Issues in Forestry		ALL (TPFQ)
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