



BACKGROUND FOR MEMBER CONSULTATION

Revisions to Annex 1. *Approved treatments associated with wood packaging material* ISPM 15. 2009. *Guidelines for regulating wood packaging in international trade*

The Technical panel on forest quarantine (TPFQ) has considered a number of issues in relation to Annex 1 of ISPM 15:2009. In 2006, as part of the revision to ISPM 15, the Commission on Phytosanitary Measures (CPM-1 (2006)) added the topic *Guidelines for regulating wood packaging material in international trade* (2006-011-02) to the list of Topics and Priorities for IPPC Standards.

In 2009, the TPFQ reported that Annex 1 of ISPM 15:2009 contained conflicting information regarding whether treatment applicators could extend the fumigation treatment beyond the prescribed times to achieve the required concentration over time product (CT). The Standards Committee (SC) requested the TPFQ to propose changes to Annex 1 that would clarify the guidance regarding CT products for methyl bromide treatment. The TPFQ also noted that guidance regarding the maximum dimensions of timber, which could be effectively treated using methyl bromide, was not consistent within the guidelines included in Annex 1.

The Technical panel on phytosanitary treatments (TPPT) reviewed phytosanitary treatment submissions in response to calls in 2006 and 2007 for wood packaging phytosanitary treatments. The TPPT evaluated the submissions according to the criteria for evaluation set forth by the SC for treatment submissions prior to 2008. During its 2010 meeting, the TPPT recommended the adoption of two additional treatments for wood packaging (sulfuryl fluoride and dielectric heat), stating that the treatment data submitted supported the stated efficacy on the target pest using the prescribed treatment schedule. Sulfuryl fluoride and dielectric heat treatments were proposed to be added as Annexes to ISPM 28:2007 *Phytosanitary treatments for regulated pests* and were also deemed appropriate for treatments of wood packaging material present in Annex 1 of ISPM 15:2009.

During its 2010 meeting, the TPFQ noted that, as guidance is now proposed for the application of methyl bromide fumigation and heat treatment, guidance should also be provided for sulfuryl fluoride fumigation and dielectric heat treatments. The TPFQ drafted the appropriate revisions to Annex 1 during its 2010 meeting and the succeeding inter-session. These revisions were intended to address the above issues.

In April 2011, the SC approved via electronic decision the draft dielectric heat treatment for member consultation. However, the draft sulfuryl fluoride treatment was not approved for member consultation, and, therefore, this treatment and references to it were removed from the Annex 1 of ISPM 15:2009.

In May 2011, the SC reviewed Annex 1 of ISPM 15:2009 and approved it for 2011 member consultation. The SC also agreed that only the specific, revised sections of Annex 1 would be open for comments during member consultation.

The IPPC Secretariat notes that the processes for adoption of the Annexes to ISPM 28:2009 and Annex 1 of ISPM 15:2009 are different as the ISPM 28:2009 annexes follow the special standard setting process while the revision to Annex 1 to ISPM 15:2009 follows the regular standard setting process.