



## **BACKGROUND FOR MEMBER CONSULTATION**

### **Vapour heat treatment of *Cucumis melo* var. *reticulatus* for *Bactrocera cucurbitae* (2006-110)**

The SC received this treatment in response to the call for treatments in October 2006. The Technical panel on phytosanitary treatments (TPPT) reviewed the submission at its December 2006 Meeting and deemed the treatment important and to be further considered. As required by ISPM 28, the submission did not contain information on the practical application of the treatment under operational conditions. The TPPT requested the submitter to include this information as well as evidence of the success in the treatment, and to resubmit the information to the TPPT.

At the meeting in December 2007, the treatment lead notified the TPPT that the treatment had not been resubmitted. The TPPT agreed that the IPPC Secretariat should write the submitter to ask for resubmission of the treatment as it was a very important treatment.

The submitter provided the necessary information to the IPPC Secretariat and in 2008, the TPPT began an email discussion to accelerate the treatment process. At its 2009 meeting, the TPPT drafted the treatment and recommended it to be approved by the SC, but concluded the treatment needed further editing and formatting. Between May and October 2009, further discussion of appropriate wording for the treatment took place by via email. At its July 2010 meeting, the TPPT again reviewed, revised and approved the treatment, and also revised the treatment summary. The TPPT recommended the treatment to be approved by the SC for member consultation.

In April 2011, the IPPC Secretariat sent the treatment via electronic decision to the SC for approval for member consultation. The SC approved the treatment in April 2011, and at its May 2011 meeting recommended it as a priority for 2011 member consultation.