DRAFT ANNEX TO ISPM 28:: Irradiation treatment for *Epiphyas postvittana*   
(2017-018)

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| **Secretariat notes** |  |

Scope of the treatment

This treatment comprises the irradiation of all fresh commodities at a minimum absorbed dose of 154 Gy to prevent oviposition of *Epiphyas postvittana* (Light brown apple moth)[[1]](#footnote-1).

Treatment description

**Name of treatment** Irradiation treatment for *Epiphyas postvittana* (Lepidoptera: Tortricidae)

**Active ingredient** N/A

**Treatment type** Irradiation

**Target pest** *Epiphyas postvittana* (Lepidoptera: Tortricidae)

**Target regulated articles** all fresh commodities

Treatment schedule

Minimum absorbed dose of 154 Gy to prevent oviposition of the adults developing from eggs and larvae of *Epiphyas postvittana*.

There is 95% confidence that the treatment according to this schedule prevents adult emergenceof not less than 99.99% of *Epiphyas postvittana*.

This treatment should be applied in accordance with the requirements of ISPM 18.

This treatment should not be applied to fruits and vegetables stored in modified atmospheres because they may affect the treatment efficacy.

Other relevant information

Because irradiation may not result in outright mortality, inspectors may encounter live but non-viable *Epiphyas postvittana* during the inspection process. This does not imply a failure of the treatment.

[new parag.] This treatment is not effective against pupae of *E. postvittana*, which may be found associated with some commodities at the time of the treatment, for example *Vitis* spp. (table grapes) (Follett & Snook 2012).

, . The Technical Panel on Phytosanitary Treatments (TPPT) based its evaluation of this treatment on the research reported by Follett & Snook 2012, Batchelor et al. 1985 and Dentener et al. 1990, which determined the efficacy of irradiation as a treatment for this pest in fresh commodities.

In evaluating this treatment the Technical Panel on Phytosanitary Treatments (TPPT) considered issues associated with the possibility of the survival of sufficient numbers of sterile adults that would escape from irradiated infested produce and fly into exotic pest traps, thereby causing financial loss and trade restrictions. The TPPT considered that, based on the work described in Hallman and Hellmich (2009) and Hallman *et al.* (2010), numbers of fit survivors would be negligible and would not pose quarantine concerns.

**References**

The present annex to the standard may refer to international standards for phytosanitary measures (ISPMs). ISPMs are available on the International Phytosanitary Portal (IPP) at https://www.ippc.int/core-activities/standards-setting/ispms.

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**ISPM 18.** 2003. Guidelines for the use of irradiation as a phytosanitary measure. Rome, IPPC, FAO.

Hallman and Hellmich (2009) [to be completed]

Hallman *et al.* (2010) [to be completed]

1. The scope of phytosanitary treatments does not include issues related to pesticide registration or other domestic requirements for contracting parties’approval of treatments. IPPC adopted treatments may not provide information on specific effects on human health or food safety, which should be addressed using domestic procedures prior to contracting parties approving a treatment. In addition, potential effects of treatments on product quality are considered for some host commodities before their international adoption. However, evaluation of any effects of a treatment on the quality of commodities may require additional consideration. There is no obligation for a contracting party to approve, register or adopt the treatments for use in its territory. [↑](#footnote-ref-1)