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***[1]***Draft ANNEX to ISPM 28: Irradiation treatment for *Pseudococcus baliteus* (2023-033)

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| ***[10]*Major stages** | ***[11]***2023-08 Treatment submitted in response to 2017 call for treatments (ongoing).  ***[12]***2023-09 SC added *Irradiation treatment for* Pseudococcus baliteus *(2023-033)* to the TPPT work programme, subsequently (in 2023-11) assigning it priority 1.  ***[13]***2023-10 TPPT revised the draft and recommended it to SC for first consultation.  ***[14]***2024-10 Treatment Lead revised the draft based on comments received in the first consultation.  ***[15]***2025-01 TPPT revised the updated draft and first consultation comment responses and recommended it to the SC for second consultation. |
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| ***[18]*Notes** | ***[19]***2024-02 Edited  ***[20]***2025-01 Edited |

***[21]***Scope of the treatment

***[22]***This treatment describes irradiation of fruits, vegetables and ornamental plants at 183 Gy minimum absorbed dose to prevent the hatching of eggs from *Pseudococcus baliteus* at the stated efficacy.[[1]](#footnote-1)

***[24]***Treatment description

***[25]*Name of treatment** Irradiation treatment for *Pseudococcus baliteus*

***[26]*Active ingredient** n/a

***[27]*Treatment type** Irradiation

***[28]*Target pest** *Pseudococcus baliteus* Lit, 1994 (Hemiptera: Pseudococcidae)

***[29]*Target regulated articles** All fruits, vegetables and ornamental plants that are hosts of *Pseudococcus baliteus*

***[30]***Treatment schedule

***[31]***Minimum absorbed dose of 183 Gy to prevent the hatching of eggs from *Pseudococcus baliteus*.

***[32]***There is 95% confidence that the treatment according to this schedule prevents the hatching of eggs from not less than 99.9937% of all life stages of *Pseudococcus baliteus*.

***[33]***This treatment should be applied in accordance with the requirements of ISPM 18 (*Requirements for the use of irradiation as a phytosanitary measure*).

***[34]***This treatment should not be applied to hosts stored in a modified atmosphere because the modified atmosphere may affect the treatment efficacy.

***[35]***Other relevant information

***[36]***Because irradiation may not result in outright mortality, inspectors may encounter live but non-viable *Pseudococcus baliteus* life stages during the inspection process. This does not imply a failure of the treatment.

***[37]***The Technical Panel on Phytosanitary Treatments based its evaluation of this treatment on the research reported by Zhao *et al.* (2023), which determined the efficacy of irradiation as a treatment for *Pseudococcus baliteus* on *Cucurbita maxima*. They also considered the information on the effect of irradiation on *Paracoccus marginatus* in Seth *et al.* (2016).

***[38]***The efficacy of this schedule was calculated based on a total of 47 316 gravid females treated with no egg hatching; the control egg hatching was 98.17% in all confirmatory trials conducted.

***[39]***Extrapolation of treatment efficacy to all hosts was based on knowledge and experience that ionizing radiation dosimetry systems measure the actual radiation dose absorbed by the target pest independent of host commodity, and evidence from research studies on a variety of pests and commodities. These include studies on the following pests and hosts: *Anastrepha fraterculus* (*Eugenia pyriformis*, *Malus pumila* and *Mangifera indica*), *Anastrepha ludens* (*Citrus paradisi*, *Citrus sinensis*, *Mangifera indica* and artificial diet), *Anastrepha obliqua* (*Averrhoa carambola*, *Citrus sinensis* and *Psidium guajava*), *Anastrepha suspensa* (*Averrhoa carambola*, *Citrus paradisi* and *Mangifera indica*), *Bactrocera tryoni* (*Citrus sinensis*, *Solanum lycopersicum*, *Malus pumila*, *Mangifera indica*, *Persea americana* and *Prunus avium*), *Cydia pomonella* (*Malus pumila* and artificial diet), *Grapholita molesta* (*Malus pumila* and artificial diet), *Pseudococcus jackbeardsleyi* (*Cucurbita* sp. and *Solanum tuberosum*) and *Tribolium confusum* (*Triticum aestivum, Hordeum vulgare* and *Zea mays*) (Bustos *et al.*, 2004; Gould and von Windeguth, 1991; Hallman, 2004a, 2004b, 2013; Hallman and Martinez, 2001; Hallman *et al.*, 2010; Jessup *et al.*, 1992; Mansour, 2003; Tunçbilek and Kansu, 1996; von Windeguth, 1986; von Windeguth and Ismail, 1987; Zhan *et al*., 2016). It is recognized, however, that treatment efficacy has not been tested for all potential hosts of the target pest. If evidence becomes available to show that the extrapolation of the treatment to cover all hosts of this pest is incorrect, the treatment will be reviewed. There is no consistent information stating that the exposure time effects treatment outcomes for ionizing radiation phytosanitary treatments.

***[40]***Potential implementation issues

***[41]***This section is not part of the standard. The Standards Committee in May 2016 requested the Secretariat to gather information on any potential implementation issues related to this draft. Please provide details and proposals on how to address these potential implementation issues.

***[42]***References

***[43]***The present annex may refer to ISPMs. ISPMs are available on the International Phytosanitary Portal (IPP) at [www.ippc.int/core-activities/standards-setting/ispms](http://www.ippc.int/core-activities/standards-setting/ispms).

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1. ***[23]*** The scope of phytosanitary treatments does not include issues related to pesticide registration or other domestic requirements for contracting parties’ approval of treatments. Treatments adopted by the Commission on Phytosanitary Measures may not provide information on specific effects on human health or food safety, which should be addressed using domestic procedures before contracting parties approve 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)