

ISPM 28

Phytosanitary treatments for regulated pests

PT 47: Irradiation treatment for *Planococcus lilacinus*

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Scope of the treatment

This treatment describes the irradiation of fruits, vegetables and ornamental plants at 163 Gy minimum absorbed dose to prevent the development of F₁ second-instar nymphs of *Planococcus lilacinus* at the stated efficacy.¹

Treatment description

Name of treatment	Irradiation treatment for <i>Planococcus lilacinus</i>
Active ingredient	n/a
Treatment type	Irradiation
Target pest	<i>Planococcus lilacinus</i> (Cockerell, 1905) (Hemiptera: Pseudococcidae)
Target regulated articles	All fruits, vegetables and ornamental plants that are hosts of <i>Planococcus lilacinus</i>

Treatment schedule

Minimum absorbed dose of 163 Gy to prevent development to the F₁ second-instar nymph stage of *Planococcus lilacinus*.

There is a 95% confidence that the treatment according to this schedule prevents offspring developing to the F₁ second-instar nymph stage from not less than 99.9969% of all life stages of *Planococcus lilacinus*.

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

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

¹ 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.

Other relevant information

Because irradiation may not result in outright mortality, inspectors may encounter live but non-viable *Planococcus lilacinus* eggs, nymphs and adults during the inspection process. This does not imply a failure of the treatment.

The Technical Panel on Phytosanitary Treatments based its evaluation of this treatment on the research reported by Ma *et al.* (2022), which determined the efficacy of irradiation as a treatment for *Planococcus lilacinus* on *Cucurbita maxima*.

The efficacy of this schedule was calculated based on a total of 97 384 treated gravid females resulting in prevention of offspring developing to the second-instar nymph stage.

Extrapolation of treatment efficacy to all hosts was based on knowledge and experience that 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*, *Malus pumila*, *Mangifera indica*, *Persea americana*, *Prunus avium* and *Solanum lycopersicum*), *Cydia pomonella* (*Malus pumila* and artificial diet), *Grapholita molesta* (*Malus pumila* and artificial diet), *Pseudococcus jackbeardsleyi* (*Cucurbita* sp. and *Solanum tuberosum*) and *Tribolium confusum* (*Hordeum vulgare*, *Triticum aestivum* 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.

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