



REPORT

Virtual Meeting
11 August 2011

Technical Panel on Phyosanitary Treatments August 2011



Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations

1. OPENING OF THE MEETING

1.1 Orientation Refresher for GoToTraining

Before beginning the meeting, the IPPC Secretariat gave a brief overview/refresher of the virtual meeting software connection program Go-To-Meeting (GTM) via the training tool GoToTraining and also noted the etiquette and ground rules for participants to follow during the meeting.

1.2 Welcome by the IPPC Secretariat

The IPPC Secretariat welcomed the participants to the meeting. Six members of the Technical Panel on Phytosanitary Treatments (TPPT), the TPPT steward and the two IPPC Secretariat Leads for the Panel were in attendance. The remaining panel members were unable to attend due to previous engagements.

The Secretariat noted the purpose of the meeting was to discuss the comments from CPM-6 (2011) regarding the footnote and treatment section *Other relevant information* in the irradiation treatments in ISPM 28:2007 and to provide recommendations to the SC on how to move forward.

The Panel approved the agenda (see appendix 1 to this report) and reviewed the documents list (see appendix 2 to this report).

1.3 Introductions

The meeting participants introduced themselves and agreed to update their contact information on the IPP if necessary (see appendix 3 to this report).

2. DISCUSSION ON COMMENTS FROM CPM-6 (2011) REGARDING THE FOOTNOTE FOR IRRADIATION TREATMENTS IN ISPM 28:2007

The panel reviewed the two papers submitted to the Secretariat during CPM-6 (2011) regarding the footnotes in the adopted treatments in ISPM 28:2007. The panel noted that the comments in the papers are in regards to clarity, being explicit in the footnotes and ensuring there is no confusion between approval by a contracting party and the Commission on Phytosanitary Measures (CPM).

The first paper the group discussed was submitted by Australia as a conference room paper (CRP) to the CPM. The panel reviewed and agreed with the proposal from Australia.

Next, the panel reviewed a letter from COSAVE submitted to the Secretariat before CPM-6 (2011), proposing the addition of the sentence in irradiation treatments, under section *Other relevant information*:

They may mate with other adults, oviposit and develop into larvae on in the host plants.

The panel did not agree with the proposed sentence, noting that this is not a possibility because the adults are sterile and produce non-viable offspring. There may be survivors, but they can't reproduce because they are sterile. It was also noted that the first paragraph in the section *Other relevant information* clearly states:

Since irradiation may not result in outright mortality, inspectors may encounter live, but non-viable *Euscepes postfasciatus* (eggs, larvae, pupae and/or adults) during the inspection process. This does not imply a failure of the treatment.

The panel came to an agreement on a revised version of the footnote (below). The Secretariat noted that the footnote cannot be entered into the already adopted treatments as ink amendments, but that the footnote will be used when the next draft treatments are sent to the SC. It was also noted that if an adopted treatment is ever revised, the footnote can be replaced at that time.

The current version of the footnote is:

The scope of phytosanitary treatments does not include issues related to pesticide registration or other domestic requirements for approval of treatments. Treatments also do not provide information on specific effects on human health or food safety, which should be addressed using domestic procedures prior to approval of 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.

Final version after TPPT review:

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 t** Treatments may also do not provide information on specific effects on human health or food safety, which should be addressed using domestic procedures prior to contracting parties approving approval of 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.

3. RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE STANDARDS COMMITTEE

There are no recommendations to the Standards Committee (SC).

4. OTHER BUSINESS

It was noted that one panel member had sent recent publication to all the TPPT and Technical Panel on Forest Quarantine (TPFQ) members describing the many issues faced when developing suitable treatment criteria for ISPM 15:2009. The panel agreed to revisit the paper at a future meeting.

5. FOLLOW-UP ACTIONS FOR NEXT TPPT VIRTUAL MEETING

There are no follow-up actions for the next virtual meeting.

6. CLOSE OF THE MEETING

The TPPT noted there were no current outstanding issues that could be discussed at the next meeting. However, if an issue did arise, the TPPT agreed to take it up at the next virtual meeting which should take place in September. The IPPC Secretariat will select a date.

The TPPT members will also adopt outstanding virtual meeting reports via email.

APPENDIX 1 – Agenda

AGENDA ITEM	DOCUMENT NO.	PRESENTER
1. Opening of the meeting		
1.1 Orientation Refresher for GoToTraining	2011_TPPT_Aug_04	DUBON
1.2 Welcome by the IPPC Secretariat	2011_TPPT_Aug_01 2011_TPPT_Aug_02 2011_TPPT_Aug_03	ZETTLER
1.3 Introductions		ZETTLER
2. Discussion on comments from CPM-6 (2011) regarding the footnote for irradiation treatments in ISPM 28:2007	2011_TPPT_Aug_05 2011_TPPT_Aug_06	ZETTLER
3. Recommendations to the SC		ZETTLER
4. Other business		ZETTLER
5. Follow-up Actions for next TPPT Virtual Meeting		ZETTLER
6. Close of the meeting		ZETTLER

APPENDIX 2 – Documents List

DOCUMENT NUMBER	AGENDA ITEM	DOCUMENT TITLE (PREPARED BY/PRESENTED BY)	DATE POSTED / DISTRIBUTED
2011_TPPT_Aug_01	01	Agenda (DUBON)	2011-08-10
2011_TPPT_Aug_02	01	Documents List (DUBON)	2011-08-10
2011_TPPT_Aug_03	01	Participants List (DUBON)	2011-07-12
2011_TPPT_Aug_04	01	Virtual meeting information (DUBON)	2011-07-12
2011_TPPT_Aug_05	02	CPM-6 (2011) conference room paper submitted by Australia (ZETTLER)	2011-07-12
2011_TPPT_Aug_06	02	CPM-6 (2011) member comments submitted by Argentina, Chile, COSAVE, Paraguay and Uruguay (ZETTLER)	2011-07-12

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