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1. OPENING OF THE MEETING

1.1 Orientation Refresher for Adobe Connect

Before beginning the meeting, the IPPC Secretariat gave an overview of the virtual meeting software connection program Adobe Connect and also noted the etiquette and ground rules for participants to follow during the meeting (TPFQ_2013_December_00).

1.2 Welcome by the IPPC Secretariat

The IPPC Secretariat welcomed the participants to the meeting. The following eight members of the Technical Panel on Forest Quarantine (TPFQ) and two Secretariat staff participated in the meeting:

- Ms Julie **ALIAGA** (Steward), USA
- Mr Piotr **WLODARCZYK** (Assistant Steward), Poland
- Mr. Eric **ALLEN** (Member), IFQRG Chair
- Mr Edson Tadeu **IEDE** (Member), Brazil
- Mr. Mamoru **MATSUI** (Member), Japan
- Mr. Thomas **SCHRÖDER** (Member), Germany
- Mr Shane **SELA** (Member), Canada
- Mr. Michael **ORMSBY** (Secretariat Lead TPFQ)
- Ms Celine **GERMAIN** (Secretariat Support)
- Mr Brent **LARSON** (Standards Officer, IPPC Secretariat)

The following members were unable to attend due to previous engagements or technical issues:

- Mr. Sven Christer **MAGNUSSON** (Member), Norway
- Mr Marcos Beéche **CISTERNAS** (Member), Chile
- Mr. Victor **AGYEMAN** (Member), Ghana

The Secretariat noted the primary purpose of the meeting was to discuss outcomes from the Standards Committee (SC) Meeting in November and the meeting of IFQRG 11 in October.

The panel approved the agenda and list of documents (TPFQ_2013_Dec_01) (see Appendix 1 to this report).

1.3 Introductions

The meeting participants introduced themselves and agreed to update their contact information on the International Phytosanitary Portal (IPP, www.ippc.int) if necessary¹. The TPFQ Secretariat Lead was elected as a chair for this virtual meeting as well as future virtual meetings.

1.4 Review and Agree Record of last Virtual Meeting

The panel members present reviewed, amended and agreed to the record of the October 2013 Virtual Meeting of the TPFQ (TPFQ_2013_Dec_02_October_Meeting_Report).

¹ The TPFQ membership list, which includes contact information, can be found on the IPP at <https://www.ippc.int/publications/membership-tpfq>

Action items from the October meeting were added to the agenda of this meeting: moisture content of wood and methyl bromide penetration (see agenda item 5.2) and the review of the forest seed annex to the draft ISPM for the international movement of seed.

2. UPDATES FROM THE SECRETARIAT AND OTHER RELEVANT BODIES

The notes relevant to TPFQ from the November SC meeting were reviewed by the panel (TPFQ_2013_Dec_03_Secretariat Update).

The information provided included a summary of the SC discussion on the “wood products and handicrafts made of raw wood (2008-008)” specification. A panel member asked the SC members present how the SC considered bamboo products would be dealt with if not included in the handicrafts standard. The SC considered that bamboo products could be covered by a separate standard or annex rather than including them in the handicrafts standard. The SC also considered expanding the scope of the handicraft standard to include all handicrafts, not just ones made from wood. While an interesting option the SC decided against this as it would be difficult to organise all of the require expertise into one Expert Drafting Group (EDG). The specification will now be going to a EDG to prepare the standard.

The Secretariat also noted for the TPFQ that the SC had added *effective dose* to the *List of topics for IPPC standards*, as a subject for the Technical Panel on the Glossary (TPG). The TPPT had drafted a discussion paper for the TPG to consider. This definition when finalised will be relevant to the drafting of the treatment requirements annex to ISPM 15.

The SC approved guidance for EDGs on how to consider the task pertaining to ‘Biodiversity and environment’ in each specification. The SC members stressed that these were meant as guides for consideration rather than needing to be formally recognised in each instance.

Of particular note was the confirmation from the SC that TPFQ will need to review the forest seed annex to the the draft ISPM for the international movement of seed. The draft of this ISPM prepared by the expert working group (EWG) was only provided to the panel immediately prior to this virtual meeting.

It was noted that the member consultation on the wood standard will occur in 2014 and any comments may need to be considered by TPFQ after the consultation period has been completed.

3. UPDATE ON THE IFQRG/TPFQ WORK PROGRAMME 2013/2014

The 2013 meeting of International Forest Quarantine Research Group (IFQRG) was in China and a number of TPFQ members attended. This year’s (2013) IFQRG meeting was be a little different than other years. It coincided with the International Congress on Biological Invasions (ICBI) and a meeting of the IUFRO working group that has a similar role as IFQRG, namely 7.03.12 Invasive Species in International Trade. About 50 people from 15 countries attended in total.

The meeting did not go through the agenda as was intended and failed to draft the meeting report in the meeting (TPFQ_2013_Dec_10). The issue presented in document TPFQ_2013_Dec_04 was not included in the draft report of the meeting. The document was prepared by a small subgroup that did not come back into the meeting with what they had developed. The purpose of this document is currently under discussion.

A member of the subgroup on the TPFQ discussed the development of the document. An industry member at IFQRG noted their issues with following up on non-compliances to ISPM 15. The subgroup considered that countries finding the non-compliances could provide further more detailed information on the non-complaint wood packaging material (WPM) such as pictures, wood moisture content, and shipment records. These countries need to comply more closely with ISPM 13 (Guidelines for the notification of non-compliance and emergency action).

While this is an important issue, it probably should not be raised by IFQRG given the purview of the group. The issue should more appropriately be raised to the SC through a member country. The Steward suggested that the TPPT should make a note of this issue to the SC given the widespread problem. Members noted that the issue is not only an ISPM 15 problem but a problem of reporting of non-compliance which is unlikely to be restricted to ISPM 15 only (i.e. is a problem with trade in general). Many of the non-compliances detected relate to missing marks which are more difficult to report effectively.

Members agreed that this is an issue that should be raised and noted for the SC to consider. This issue could also be included in regional discussions on ISPM 15 implementation.

ACTION: Steward to raise with the SC the issue of ineffective report of non-compliances, as discussed at this meeting and IFQRG-11.

The text of the draft wood standard was also discussed at IFQRG. IFQRG made a number of comments on the online comments system which should have gone to the Steward of this standard for consideration. Members were asked to note the comments made by IFQRG.

For background information the IFQRG meeting participants were provided with the treatment criteria history document that was prepared for the TPFQ meeting in Belem. The IFQRG discussion on the ISPM 15 treatment criteria is captured under item 4.1 in this report.

4. DISCUSSION/STATUS ON IPSM 15 TREATMENT CRITERIA

4.1 Draft treatment criteria

A number of suggestions were made by IFQRG on the text of the draft treatment criteria (TPFQ_2013_Dec_05). These included comments on:

- The need to improve clarity on what the test unit is at each step;
- Issues associated with allowing insect infertility as an acceptable treatment endpoint. While these infertile pests may not be able to establish a population they may still be able to vector other pests (e.g. *Monochamus* vectoring of PWN);
- The preference to not include the Cardiff Protocol in the criteria but rather refer to a publication that applies to protocol to determine test sizes.

The panel discussed these and other comments and agreed that the draft treatment criteria would be held until a publication was prepared and published on the description and application of the Cardiff Protocol for pest groups that may move on wood packaging material in international trade (under ISPM 15). The panel would then consider how the results of this publication could be included in the treatment criteria. IFQRG will work as quickly as possible to get the publication completed and published.

ACTION: TPFQ will wait for IFQRG to co-ordinate the publication of a paper on the application of the Cardiff Protocol for pest groups associated with wood packaging material in international trade before finalising the treatment criteria for ISPM 15.

The panel also discussed the issue of treatment end-point and the suitability of insect sterility given the possible vectoring of other pests. While the panel recognised that such treatment end-points are unlikely to be suitable or necessary for wood products, the possibility remains that these treatments may be developed in the future. The current definition which includes sterilisation aligns with that used in other ISPMs including the glossary (ISPM 5). Wording could be included in the text of the treatment criteria to ensure treatment submitters justify treatments that provide for endpoints other than insect mortality.

ACTION: Allen to provide wording in the text to ensure treatment submitters justify treatments that provide any other endpoints than mortality.

5. WORK PROGRAMME FOR 2013/2014

The work programme provided (TPFQ_2013_Dec_06) was updated from the October virtual meeting of the TPFQ.

5.1 ISPM 15 (2009) explanatory document

An SC e-Decision has been planned for considering the explanatory document for publication. The panel considered that the explanatory document should be read again before going forward to SC.

ACTION: Sela to circulate the explanatory document to the panel for review prior to sending for the SC for decision.

5.2. Wood moisture content and methyl bromide penetration

The panel had earlier agreed that further work could be undertaken on the paper to add further examples to support the conclusions made (TPFQ_2013_Dec_07). It was also noted that the extreme water saturation examples were of most concern and guidance could either be provided to help manage these circumstances or reference to existing manuals that may provide suitable guidance.

ACTION: Members were once again allocated tasks to review aspects of the TPFQ paper to SC on wood moisture content and methyl bromide penetration during fumigation and report back to the next virtual meeting of the TPFQ.

5.4. Tree seed annex to (draft) Seed ISPM

A draft of the seed ISPM has now been provided to the panel (TPFQ_2013_Dec_08).

The EWG recognized that most of the procedures described for seeds in the body of the draft ISPM may apply to forest tree seed, however there are some considerations (especially regarding the methods for collection, storage, packaging) that would need to be developed specifically for forest tree seed. The EWG drafted text for an annex on forest tree seed based on tropical forest tree seed issues, but more information was needed on the collection and storage of temperate forest tree seed.

ACTION: A sub-committee of the panel will be convened to review the available material and prepare a draft of the revised text of the annex for consideration by the wider panel.

The drafting of the annex should be completed for review by the SC via e-Decision. The SC noted that the Seed ISPM would not be held up while waiting for the forest seed annex.

5.5. Emerging phytosanitary issues in forestry

A panel member noted the emerging issue on vectors and vectored organisms and the need for harmonisation of these concepts internationally.

6. RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE SC

Recommendations for the SC from this meeting were as follows:

1. Steward to raise with the SC the issue of ineffective report of non-compliances, as discussed at this meeting.
2. TPFQ will wait for IFQRG to co-ordinate the publication of a paper on the application of the Cardiff Protocol for pest groups associated with wood packaging material in international trade before finalising the draft treatment criteria for ISPM 15.

7. OTHER BUSINESS

No other business was discussed. Panel members noted that there were technical issues during the meeting with the Adobe Connect system that reduced the effectiveness of the meeting. The Secretariat will investigate the issues and attempt to resolve or reduce these issues for future meetings.

8. FOLLOW-UP ACTIONS FOR NEXT TPFQ VIRTUAL MEETING

At its next virtual meeting, the panel will consider the work programme for 2014 and any draft documents that have been prepared.

9. CLOSE OF THE MEETING

The TPFQ agreed that the next virtual meeting should take place around the third week of February 2014. The IPPC Secretariat will select a meeting time and confirm with TPFQ members.

The TPFQ members will adopt outstanding virtual meeting reports via email or at their next meeting.

APPENDIX 1 – AGENDA

AGENDA ITEM	DOCUMENT NO.	PRESENTER
1. Opening of the meeting		
1.1 Orientation Refresher for Adobe Connect	TPFQ_2013_Dec_00	DUBON/ ORMSBY
1.2 Welcome by the IPPC Secretariat	TPFQ_2013_Dec_01_Agenda	ORMSBY
1.3 Introductions	https://www.ippc.int/publications/membership-tpfq	ORMSBY
1.4 Review and agree record of last meeting	TPFQ_2013_Dec_02_ October Meeting Report	ORMSBY
2. Secretariat Maintenance and Updates from relevant Bodies (inc Standards Committee)	TPFQ_2013_Dec_03_Secretariat Update	ORMSBY
3. Update on IFQRG/IPPC work programme 2013	TPFQ_2013_Dec_10_IFQRG 11 Draft Report	ALLEN
3.1 Review of documents from the IFQRG 11 meeting in China, October 2013	TPFQ_2013_Dec_04_IFQRG Request of TPFQ	ALLEN
4. Discussion/status on IPSM 15 Treatment Criteria	TPFQ_2013_Dec_09_Draft ISPM 15 Treatment Criteria	WLODARCZYK
4.1 Review of documents from the IFQRG 11 meeting in China, October 2013	TPFQ_2013_Dec_05_IFQRG Meeting Notes ISPM15 Treatment Criteria	ALLEN
5. Work Programme for 2013/2014	TPFQ_2013_Dec_06_Work Programme	ALL
5.1 ISPM 15 (2009) explanatory document		SELA
5.2 Wood Moisture content and MBr penetration	TPFQ_2013_Dec_07_SC Paper Updated (DRAFT)	ALL
5.3 Separation between wood products and wood.		ALL
5.4 Tree seed annex to Seed ISPM (Draft)	TPFQ_2013_Dec_08_Draft ISPM of Seed	ALL
5.5 Emerging Phytosanitary Issues in Forestry		ALL
6. Recommendations to the SC (if applicable)		ORMSBY
7. Other business		ORMSBY
8. Follow-up Actions for next TPFQ Virtual Meeting		ORMSBY
9. Close of the meeting		ORMSBY

APPENDIX 2 – WORK PROGRAMME FOR 2013

Work programme TPFQ 2013-14*(last updated 12th December 2013)***2013 - 2014 Task Descriptions for the TPFQ**

Task Description	Expected delivery date
ISPM 15 (2009) Explanatory Document	SC e-Decision 10 February 2014
Heat Treatment (HT) for ISPM 15 (2009) Explanatory (Guidance) Document	SC e-Decision 10 February 2014
Methyl Bromide (MB) for ISPM 15 (2009) Explanatory (Guidance) Document	SC e-Decision 10 February 2014
Review forest seed annex to the Draft ISPM for the movement of seed for propagation.	Prior to SC Meeting November 2014
ISPM 15 (2009) Treatment Criteria	Prior to SC Meeting May 2015
Developing the “Cardiff Protocol” with IFQRG working group	Prior to SC Meeting May 2015
High moisture content in wood and penetration of methyl bromide	Prior to SC Meeting May 2014
Manage IFQRG/IPPC Joint Work Programme	On-going

2013 - 2014 Work Programme for the TPFQ

Date	TPFQ Action	Responsible Person(s)
2013		
2013 February		
02/18	TPFQ February 2013 Virtual Meeting – Set Calendar for 2013/14.	TPFQ
2013 April		
04/08 – 04/12	(April) CPM 8 – Seminar on Probit 9.	Aliaga/Forest /Włodarczyk
2013 May		
05/06 – 05/10	May 2013 Standards Committee Meeting	Aliaga/Forest /Włodarczyk
05/10	Completed “Cardiff Protocol” and required data	IFQRG
05/10	Final posting of documents for TPFQ ‘Face-to-Face’ Meeting in June.	TPFQ
05/13 – 05/17	2013 Standards Committee 7 Meeting	
05/23	TPFQ May 2013 Virtual Meeting – Planning for ‘face-to-face’ TPFQ Meeting.	TPFQ
2013 June		
06/10 – 06/14	TPFQ 2013 ‘Face-to-Face’ Meeting, Brazil	TPFQ
2013 July		
07/18	TPFQ July 2013 Virtual Meeting – Prepare for IFQRG 11.	TPFQ
2013 October		
10/02	TPFQ September 2013 Virtual Meeting – Review draft documents for SC November 2013 and IFQRG/IPPC joint work programme.	TPFQ

Date	TPFQ Action	Responsible Person(s)
10/28 – 11/01	2013 Meeting of the International Forest Quarantine Research Group (IFQRG 11).	Allen
2013 November		
11/18 – 11/22	2013 November Standards Committee Meeting	Aliaga/Forest / Włodarczyk
2013 December		
12/03	TPFQ December 2013 Virtual Meeting – Review November Standards Committee decisions and documents for May SC Meeting 2014.	TPFQ
2014		
2014 February		
02/~06	TPFQ February 2014 Virtual Meeting – Set Calendar for 2014.	TPFQ
2014 April		
03/31 – 04/04	(April) CPM 9	Aliaga/Forest / Włodarczyk
2014 May		
05/05 – 05/09	May 2013 Standards Committee Meeting	Aliaga/Forest / Włodarczyk
05/12 – 05/16	2013 Standards Committee 7 Meeting	
05/~30	TPFQ May 2014 Virtual Meeting – Discuss May SC and CPM 9 outcomes	TPFQ
2014 July		
07/~06	TPFQ July 2014 Virtual Meeting – Prepare for IFQRG 12.	TPFQ
2014 November		
11/10 – 11/14	2014 November Standards Committee Meeting	Aliaga/Forest / Włodarczyk