



*REPORT*

Virtual Meeting  
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# Technical Panel on Phytosanitary Treatments November 2011



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## 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. In attendance were three members of the Technical Panel on Phytosanitary Treatments (TPPT), the Steward of the TPPT and the two IPPC Secretariat Leads. One panel member was unable to attend due to problems with the internet connection. Two other members were unable to attend due to previous engagements.

The Secretariat will aim to resolve these technical and logistical issues before the next virtual meeting so that all members are able to participate.

The Secretariat noted the purpose of the meeting was to finalize the TPPT response to member comments regarding the draft phytosanitary treatment *Vapour heat treatment for Bactrocera cucurbitae on Cucumis melo var. reticulatus* (2006-110) and to review the 2012 TPPT work plan.

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. UPDATES FROM THE 2011 NOVEMBER SC MEETING

The TPPT Steward gave a brief verbal update of the 2011 November Standards Committee (SC) Meeting, noting that the draft treatment *Heat treatment of wood packaging material using dielectric heating* (2007-114) will be sent to the SC-7 Working Group in May 2012 along with the draft ISPM *Revision of Annex 1 to ISPM 15:2009 Regulation of wood packaging material in international trade: Guidelines for heat treatment* (2006-011). The Secretariat Leads also reviewed the continuing of TPPT Membership as decided by the SC.

The Secretariat will send, via email, a written version of the update to all TPPT members.

## 3. DISCUSSION: RESPONSES TO MEMBER COMMENTS

### 3.1 Vapour heat treatment for *Bactrocera cucurbitae* on *Cucumis melo var. reticulatus* (2006-110)

The TPPT discussed the substantial comments and responses, noting that many of the member comments suggested supplementary operational information be included in the treatment. The panel determined that operational issues and details are more suitable in a guidance document, which the TPPT is currently developing, though will not be completed in time to accompany the treatment to an SC e-decision.

The Panel agreed that the TPPT lead, with help from another TPPT member, will finalize the TPPT responses to member comments. The TPPT will meet virtually in early December 2011 to review and approve the comments. Once the TPPT approves the treatment and responses to member comments,

the Secretariat will submit the treatment, along with the TPPT responses to the member comments, to the SC for approval via e-decision.

## **4. 2012 TPPT PLANNING**

### **4.1 TPPT Medium Term Topics and Priorities**

The panel reviewed the TPPT Medium Term Topics and Priorities that were developed at the 2010 July meeting in Kyoto, Japan. The Secretariat noted the outstanding items, which the TPPT will continue developing to submit to the SC before the 2012 May SC meeting.

#### **4.1.1 Discussion document on guidance for submitting treatments regarding soil and growing media associated with plants**

Some panel members noted that this discussion document needed more guidance for the submitters during a call for treatments, such as things to consider when developing a treatment in response to a call. The panel members will submit their comments to the TP leads for this discussion document via email, copying the Secretariat TPPT Leads and steward.

#### **4.1.2 Develop guidance for NPPOs as a Guidance document/Checklist**

The Secretariat lead noted that SC approved the TPPT to continue providing guidance documents. The panel was informed that the actual approval process for guidance documents has not been approved by the SC, but that once the TPPT develops and agrees to the guidance documents, they will submit them to the SC, who will determine what action to take with them.

One panel member noted that there is no template to follow for these documents and that the format of all four of the treatment guidance documents varied. The panel concluded that, because the drafts are still in a draft state, to refer to the more complete drafts and to include the pertinent information regarding operational issues.

The panel also noted that, to have more productive virtual meetings, the panel should only discuss substantial issues at these virtual meetings. It was also noted that the guidance documents should focus on operational issues, which will address many member comments.

The panel members will submit their comments to the relevant TP leads for these guidance documents via email, copying the Secretariat TPPT Leads and steward.

#### **4.1.3 Guidance Document: TPPT Criteria for Treatment Evaluation**

The panel noted that this document won't be submitted for approval by the SC because it is intended as an internal TPPT reference document and should be treated as a living document. The panel members will submit their comments to the TP lead for this guidance documents via email, copying the Secretariat TPPT Leads and steward.

#### **4.1.4 Discussion paper on a position on hot air treatment for multiple insects, fruits, etc.**

The panel members will submit their comments to the TP leads for this discussion document via email, copying the Secretariat TPPT Leads and steward.

### **4.2 TPPT 5-year plan (Table 2)**

The Secretariat reviewed the TPPT 5-year work plan. The panel noted that the calls proposed for 2010 (fruit flies), 2011 (soil and growing media) and 2012 (irradiation treatments) should be the next treatments to be called. The Secretariat noted that there would be no call for treatments for wood packaging material until the draft ISPM *Revision of ISPM 15 (Regulation of wood packaging material in international trade): Criteria for treatments for wood packaging material in international trade* (2006-010) is adopted by the CPM.

### **4.3 List of topics for IPPC standards relevant to the TPPT (as of October 2011)**

The Secretariat noted that the final letters requesting more information from the submitters had not been sent. The panel noted that the letters should explicitly say that if no information or update on current research is received by the date in the letter, the treatment will be proposed for deletion by the SC at its May 2012 meeting. It was also noted to include in the letters a statement that, if there is ongoing research regarding the treatment, then an estimated time of completion be sent to the Secretariat so the TPPT can plan its 2012 work.

### **5. RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE SC**

There were no recommendations to the SC.

### **6. OTHER BUSINESS**

There was no other business discussed.

### **7. FOLLOW-UP ACTIONS FOR NEXT TPPT VIRTUAL MEETING**

The panel will finalize the TPPT responses to member comments on the draft *Vapour heat treatment for Bactrocera cucurbitae on Cucumis melo var. reticulatus* (2006-110) at its next virtual meeting.

### **8. CLOSE OF THE MEETING**

The TPPT agreed that upcoming virtual meetings will take place in late November or early December 2011. The IPPC Secretariat will select a date. The Secretariat proposed a change in time by 12 hours so that all members have the opportunity to meet at a time that is not very early in the morning or very late in the evening. All members present agreed to this proposal.

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

**APPENDIX 1 – Agenda**

<b>AGENDA ITEM</b>	<b>DOCUMENT NO.</b>	<b>PRESENTER</b>
<b>1. Opening of the meeting</b>		
1.1 Orientation Refresher for GoToTraining	2011_TPPT_Nov_04	DUBON
1.2 Welcome by the IPPC Secretariat	2011_TPPT_Nov_01 2011_TPPT_Nov_02	ZETTLER
1.3 Introductions	2011_TPPT_Nov_03	ZETTLER
<b>2. Secretariat Maintenance</b>		ZETTLER
<b>3. Discussion: Responses to Member Comments</b>		ZETTLER
3.1 Vapour heat treatment for <i>Bactrocera cucurbitae</i> on <i>Cucumis melo</i> var. <i>reticulatus</i> (2006-110)	2006-110	WANG
❖ Steward's Response to Comments	2011_TPPT_Nov_06	WANG
<b>4. 2012 TPPT Planning</b>	2011_TPPT_Nov_05	ZETTLER
4.1 TPPT Medium Term Topics and Priorities (Table 1)	2011_TPPT_Nov_05	ZETTLER
4.1.1 Discussion document on guidance for submitting treatments regarding soil and growing media associated with plants	2011_TPPT_Nov_08	CANNON/ JESSUP
4.1.2 Develop guidance for NPPOs as a Guidance document/Checklist		ZETTLER
❖ Cold Treatments	2011_TPPT_Nov_09	JESSUP/ WILLINK/ BAXTER
❖ Vapour Heat Treatments		PARK ( <i>MIZOBUCHI</i> )
❖ Forced Air Heat Treatments	2011_TPPT_Nov_10	ORMSBY
❖ Hot Water Treatments		CANNON/ WOOD
4.1.3 Guidance Document: TPPT Criteria for Treatment Evaluation	2011_TPPT_Nov_07	ORMSBY
4.1.4 Discussion paper on a position on hot air treatment for multiple insects, fruits, etc.		JESSUP
4.2 TPPT 5-year plan (Table 1)	2011_TPPT_Nov_05	ZETTLER
4.3 List of topics for IPPC standards relevant to the TPPT (as of October 2011) (Table 3)	2011_TPPT_Nov_05	ZETTLER
<b>5. Recommendations to the SC (if applicable)</b>		ZETTLER
<b>6. Other business</b>		ZETTLER
<b>7. Follow-up Actions for next TPPT Virtual Meeting</b>		ZETTLER
<b>8. Close of the meeting</b>		ZETTLER

**APPENDIX 2 – Documents List**

<b>DOCUMENT NUMBER</b>	<b>AGENDA ITEM</b>	<b>DOCUMENT TITLE (PREPARED BY)</b>	<b>DATE POSTED / DISTRIBUTED</b>
<b>Draft ISPMs</b>			
2006-110	03.2	Draft ISPM: Vapour heat treatment for <i>Bactrocera cucurbitae</i> on <i>Cucumis melo</i> var. <i>reticulatus</i> (2006-110) (WANG)	2011-10-25
<b>All Other Meeting Documents</b>			
2011_TPPT_Nov_01	01.2	Agenda (DUBON)	
2011_TPPT_Nov_02	01.2	Documents List (DUBON)	
2011_TPPT_Nov_03	01.3	Participants List (DUBON)	2011-10-25
2011_TPPT_Nov_04	01.1	Virtual meeting information (DUBON)	2011-10-25
2011_TPPT_Nov_05	06	2012 TPPT Planning (DUBON)	2011-10-25
2011_TPPT_Nov_06	03.2	Steward's Response to Comments: Vapour heat treatment for <i>Bactrocera cucurbitae</i> on <i>Cucumis melo</i> var. <i>reticulatus</i> (2006-110) (WANG)	2011-10-25
2011_TPPT_Nov_07	04.1.3	Guidance Document: TPPT Criteria for Treatment Evaluation (ORMSBY)	2011-10-25
2011_TPPT_Nov_08	04.1.1	Discussion document on guidance for submitting treatments regarding soil and growing media associated with plants (CANNON/JESSUP)	2011-11-02
2011_TPPT_Nov_09	04.1.2	Develop guidance for NPPOs as a Guidance document/Checklist: Cold Treatments (JESSUP/WILLINK/ BAXTER)	2011-11-02

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