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**PT 19:**  
**Irradiation treatment for**  
***Dysmicoccus neobrevipes,***  
***Planococcus lilacinus* and**  
***Planococcus minor***

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## ISPM 28

### Phytosanitary treatments for regulated pests

#### PT 19: Irradiation treatment for *Dysmicoccus neobrevipes*, *Planococcus lilacinus* and *Planococcus minor*

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##### Scope of the treatment

This treatment describes the irradiation treatment of fruits and vegetables to prevent the reproduction of adult females of *Dysmicoccus neobrevipes*, *Planococcus lilacinus* and *Planococcus minor* at the stated efficacy level<sup>1</sup>.

##### Treatment description

<b>Name of treatment</b>	Irradiation treatment for <i>Dysmicoccus neobrevipes</i> , <i>Planococcus lilacinus</i> and <i>Planococcus minor</i>
<b>Active ingredient</b>	N/A
<b>Treatment type</b>	Irradiation
<b>Target pests</b>	<i>Dysmicoccus neobrevipes</i> Beardsley, <i>Planococcus lilacinus</i> (Cockerell) and <i>Planococcus minor</i> (Maskell) (Hemiptera: Pseudococcidae)
<b>Target regulated articles</b>	All fruits and vegetables that are hosts of the above mealybugs.

##### Treatment schedule

Minimum absorbed dose of 231 Gy to prevent the reproduction of adult females of *Dysmicoccus neobrevipes*, *Planococcus lilacinus* and *Planococcus minor*.

There is 95% confidence that the treatment according to this schedule prevents the reproduction of not less than 99.99023% of adult females of *Dysmicoccus neobrevipes*, *Planococcus lilacinus* and *Planococcus minor*.

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

This irradiation treatment should not be applied to fruits and vegetables stored in modified atmospheres.

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<sup>1</sup> The scope of phytosanitary treatments does not include issues related to pesticide registration or other domestic requirements for contracting parties' approval of treatments for use in their territory. Treatments adopted by the CPM may not provide information on specific effects on human health or food safety, which should be addressed using domestic procedures prior to contracting parties approving a treatment for use in its territory. 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 *Dysmicoccus neobrevipes* or *Planococcus lilacinus* or *Planococcus minor* (immatures or adults) during the inspection process. This does not imply a failure of the treatment.

This treatment schedule was based on the work of Doan *et al.* (2012). In this paper a minimum absorbed dose of 200 Gy prevented reproduction by adult females of *Dysmicoccus neobrevipes* and development to the next generation from all immature stages. A subsequent large scale confirmatory test showed that there was no reproduction at a maximum dose of 231 Gy. Further tests also showed that the other two species were more radio-susceptible than *Dysmicoccus neobrevipes*.

Very little data is available for other members of the Pseudococcidae and all papers are listed in the References. In each case a dose near to or less than 200 Gy was sufficient to ensure no reproduction providing additional confidence in the proposed dose.

## References

The present standard refers to International Standards for Phytosanitary Measures (ISPMs). ISPMs are available on the International Phytosanitary Portal (IPP) at <https://www.ippc.int/core-activities/standards-setting/ispms>.

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## IPPC

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### Organization

- ◆ There are over 180 contracting parties to the IPPC.
- ◆ Each contracting party has a national plant protection organization (NPPO) and an Official IPPC contact point.
- ◆ Nine regional plant protection organizations (RPPOs) work to facilitate the implementation of the IPPC in countries.
- ◆ IPPC liaises with relevant international organizations to help build regional and national capacities.
- ◆ The Secretariat is provided by the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO).



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