

Draft Annex to ISPM 26: Establishment of fruit fly quarantine areas within a pest free area in the event of an outbreak (2009-007)

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Background

- SC introduced topic *Establishment and maintenance of regulated areas upon outbreak detection in fruit fly free areas* in November 2009
- CPM-5 added topic in 2010
- SC revised and approved specification 53 in May 2011
- Technical panel on fruit flies (TPFF) developed draft text in August 2011
- SC revised and approved draft for Member Consultation in April 2012

General considerations

- When fruit flies are detected in a Fruit Fly-Pest Free Area (FF-PFA), to establish quarantine areas within a pest free area, National plant protection organizations (NPPOs) usually apply phytosanitary measures to the critical stages of fruit and vegetables production for export.

General considerations

- In the event of an outbreak detection of a target species of fruit fly in a FF-PFA, fruit and vegetables exports from these areas will lose their status and may be directly affected.
- NPPOs of importing countries may request different measures to be implemented.

General considerations

- This standard provides useful guidance to:
 - NPPOs of exporting countries on establishing fruit fly quarantine areas within a pest free area in the event of an outbreak and
 - to NPPOs of importing countries on how to respond in a harmonized manner to outbreaks in FF-PFAs in exporting countries, thus minimizing negative impacts on trade.

Drafting Issues

- *The Technical panel on fruit flies worked on drafting the standard addressing each of the tasks outlined in the specification.*
- *A long discussion was held on the use of “quarantine area” or “affected areas”, as already used in ISPM 26. The April 2012 SC decided to maintain “quarantine area” (term defined in the Glossary).*



Other relevant information

- The guidance provided is intended to protect other production areas within a pest free area
and, as far as possible,
- allow for the continuation of fruit and vegetable production, movement and handling, treatment, and shipping when some or all of the components of the fruit and vegetables export process are located in quarantine areas within a pest free area.

