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PREVALENCE FOR FRUIT FLIES (TEPHRITIDAE)***

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## INTRODUCTION

### SCOPE

This standard provides guidelines for the establishment and maintenance of areas of low pest prevalence for fruit flies (FF-ALPPs) by a National Plant Protection Organization (NPPO). Such areas may be utilised as official pest risk management measures alone, or as part of a systems approach, to facilitate trade of fruit fly host products, or to minimize the spread of regulated fruit flies within an area. This standard applies to fruit flies (Tephritidae) of economic importance.

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### DEFINITIONS

Definitions of phytosanitary terms used in the present standard can be found in ISPM No. 5 (*Glossary of phytosanitary terms*).

### OUTLINE OF REQUIREMENTS

The general requirements for establishment and maintenance of an area of low pest prevalence for fruit flies (FF-ALPP) include:

- confirming the operational and economic feasibility of the FF-ALPP
- describing the purpose of the area
- listing the target fruit fly species(s) for the FF-ALPP
- operational plans
- determination of the FF-ALPP
- documentation and record keeping
- supervision activities.

For the establishment of the FF-ALPP, parameters used to estimate the level of fruit fly prevalence and the efficacy of trapping devices for surveillance should be determined as stated in Annex 1. Surveillance, control measures and corrective action planning are required for both establishment and maintenance. Corrective action planning is described in Annex 2.

Other specific requirements include phytosanitary procedures, as well as suspension, loss and reinstatement of the status of the FF-ALPP.

## BACKGROUND

The International Plant Protection Convention (IPPC, 1997) contains provisions for areas of low pest prevalence (ALPPs), as does the World Trade Organization Agreement on the Application of Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures (Article VI of the WTO-SPS Agreement). ISPM No. 22 (*Requirements for the establishment of areas of low pest prevalence*) describes different types of ALPPs and provides general guidance on the establishment of ALPPs. ALPPs may also be used as part of a systems approach (ISPM No. 14: *The use of integrated measures in a systems approach for pest risk management*).

Fruit flies are a very important group of pests for many countries because of their potential to cause damage to fruits and restrict national and international trade for plant products that are hosts of fruit flies.

The high probability of introduction of fruit flies associated with a wide range of hosts results in restrictions imposed by many importing countries and the need for phytosanitary measures to be applied in exporting countries related to movement of host material or regulated articles to ensure that the risk of introduction is appropriately mitigated.

This standard provides guidance for the establishment and maintenance by the NPPO of FF-ALPPs with the aim to facilitate trade by minimizing the risk of introduction or spread of regulated fruit flies.

FF-ALPPs are generally used as buffer zones for fruit fly-pest free areas (FF-PFAs), fruit fly free places of production or fruit fly free production sites (either as a permanent buffer zone or as part of an eradication process), or for export purposes, usually in conjunction with other risk mitigation measures as a component of a systems approach (this may include all or part of an FF-ALPP that acts as a buffer zone).

They may occur naturally (and subsequently be verified, declared and monitored or otherwise managed); they may occur as a result of pest control practices during crop production that suppress the population of fruit flies in an area to limit their impact on the crop; or they may be established as a result of control practices that reduce the number of fruit flies in the area to a specified low level.

The decision to establish an FF-ALPP may be closely linked to market access as well as to economic and operational feasibility.

If an FF-ALPP is established for export of fruit fly host commodities, the parameters for establishment and maintenance of the FF-ALPP should be determined and agreed to in conjunction with the importing country and in consideration of the guidelines presented in this standard and in accordance with ISPM No. 29 (*Recognition of pest free areas and areas of low pest prevalence*).

The requirements for the establishment of FF-ALPPs in this standard can also be applied for movement of fruit between ALPPs within a country.

The target pests for which this standard was developed include insects of the order Diptera, family Tephritidae, of the genera *Anastrepha*, *Bactrocera*, *Ceratitis*, *Dacus*, *Rhagoletis* and *Toxotrypana*.

## REQUIREMENTS

### 1. General Requirements

The concepts and provisions of ISPM No. 22 (*Requirements for the establishment of areas of low pest prevalence*) apply to the establishment and maintenance of ALPPs for a specified pest, or a group of pests including fruit flies, and therefore ISPM No. 22 should be referred to in conjunction with this standard.

An FF-ALPP may be established in accordance with this standard under a variety of situations. Some may require the application of the full range of elements provided by this standard, whereas others may require the application of only some of those elements.

Phytosanitary measures and specific procedures as further described in this standard may be required for the establishment and maintenance of an FF-ALPP by the NPPO. The decision to establish an official FF-ALPP may be based on all or some of the technical factors provided in this standard, as appropriate. They include components such as pest biology and control methods, which will vary according to the species of fruit fly

for which the FF-ALPP is being established.

The establishment of an official FF-ALPP should be considered against the overall operational and economic feasibility of establishing a programme to meet and maintain the low pest level and the objectives of the FF-ALPP.

An FF-ALPP may be applied to facilitate the movement of fruit fly hosts from one FF-ALPP to another of the same fruit fly pest status to protect areas endangered by a regulated fruit fly pest.

The essential prerequisite for establishment of an FF-ALPP is an area that exists naturally, or that can be established, and that can be delimited, monitored and verified by the NPPO to be of a specified fruit fly prevalence level. The area may be in place to protect an FF-PFA or support sustainable crop production, or may have developed in response to suppression or eradication actions. It may occur naturally as a result of climatic, biological or geographical factors that reduce or limit the fruit fly population through all or part of the year.

An area can be defined as an FF-ALPP for one or more target fruit fly species. However, for an FF-ALPP covering multiple target fruit fly species, trapping devices and their deployment densities and locations should be specified, and low pest prevalence levels determined for each target fruit fly species.

FF-ALPPs should include public awareness programmes of a similar nature as outlined in section 1.1 of ISPM No. 26 (*Establishment of pest free areas for fruit flies (Tephritidae)*).

### 1.1 Operational plans

An official operational plan is needed to specify the phytosanitary procedures required to establish and maintain an FF-ALPP.

The operational plan should describe the main procedures to be carried out such as surveillance activities, procedures to maintain the specified level of low pest prevalence, the corrective action plan and any other procedures that are required to achieve the objective of the FF-ALPP.

### 1.2 Determination of an FF-ALPP

Elements to be considered in the determination of an FF-ALPP are as follows:

- delimitation of the area (size of location, detailed maps including an accurate description of the boundaries or Global Positioning System (GPS) coordinates showing the boundaries, natural barriers, entry points, location of commercial and, as appropriate, non-commercial hosts of the target fruit fly and urban areas)
- target fruit fly species and its/their seasonal and spatial distribution within the area
- location, abundance and seasonality of hosts, including wherever possible specifying primary (biologically preferred) hosts
- climatic characteristics, including rainfall, relative humidity, temperature, and prevailing wind speed and direction
- identification of factors limiting and keeping fruit fly population at low levels.

In areas where prevalence of fruit flies is naturally at a low level because of climatic, geographical or other reasons (e.g. natural enemies, availability of suitable hosts, host seasonality), the target fruit fly population may already be below the specified level of low pest prevalence without applying any control measures. In such cases, surveillance should be undertaken over an appropriate length of time to validate the low prevalence status and this status may be recognized in accordance with the examples listed in section 3.1.1 of ISPM No. 8 (*Determination of pest status in an area*). If, however, the fruit flies are detected above the specified level of low pest prevalence (e.g. because of extraordinary climatic conditions) corrective actions should be applied. Guidelines for corrective action plans are provided in Annex 2.

### 1.3 Documentation and record keeping

The phytosanitary procedures used for the determination, establishment, verification and maintenance of an FF-ALPP should be adequately documented. These procedures should be reviewed and updated regularly, including the corrective actions if required (as described in ISPM No. 22: *Requirements for the establishment*

of areas of low pest prevalence). It is recommended that a manual of procedures relating to the operational plan be prepared for the FF-ALPP.

Documentation for determination and establishment may include:

- list of fruit fly hosts known to occur in the area, including seasonality and commercial fruit production in the area
- delimitation records: detailed maps showing the boundaries, natural barriers and points where fruits may enter the area; description of agro-ecological features such as soil type, the location of main host areas of target fruit fly, and marginal and urban host areas; and climatic conditions, for example rainfall, relative humidity, temperature, and prevailing wind speed and direction
- surveillance records:
  - trapping: types of surveys, number and type of traps and lures, frequency of trap inspection, trap density, trap array, trapping time and duration, number of target fruit flies captured by species for each trap, trap servicing
  - fruit sampling: type, quantity, date, frequency and result
- record of control measures used for fruit flies and other pests that may have an effect on fruit fly populations: type(s) and locations.

For verification and maintenance, documentation should include the data recorded to demonstrate the population levels of the target fruit fly species are below the specified level of low pest prevalence. The records of surveys and results of other operational procedures should be retained for at least 24 months. If the FF-ALPP is being used for export purposes, records should be made available to the NPPO of the relevant importing country on request and verification may take place if necessary.

Corrective action plans should also be developed and maintained (see section 2.4).

#### **1.4 Supervision activities**

The FF-ALPP programme, including applicable domestic regulations, surveillance procedures (e.g. trapping, fruit sampling) and corrective action plans, should comply with officially approved procedures. These procedures may include official delegation of responsibility assigned to key personnel, for example:

- a person with defined authority and responsibility to ensure that the systems/procedures are implemented and maintained appropriately
- entomologist(s) with responsibility for the identification of fruit flies to species level.

The NPPO should evaluate and audit the operation of the procedures for establishment and maintenance of the FF-ALPP to ensure that effective management is maintained even where the responsibility to carry out specific activities has been delegated to outside the NPPO. Supervision of operational procedures include:

- operation of surveillance procedures
- surveillance capability
- trapping materials (traps, attractants) and procedures
- identification capability
- application of control measures
- documentation and record keeping
- implementation of corrective actions.

## **2. Specific Requirements**

### **2.1 Establishment of the FF-ALPP**

Elements for consideration when establishing an FF-PFA are described in sections 2.1 and 2.2 of ISPM No. 26 (*Establishment of pest free areas for fruit flies (Tephritidae)*) and may also be applied to an FF-ALPP as defined in following subsections.

#### **2.1.1 Determination of the specified level of low pest prevalence**

Specified levels of low pest prevalence will depend on the level of risk associated with the target fruit fly species–host–area interaction. These levels should be established by the NPPO of the country where the FF-ALPP is located and with sufficient precision to allow assessment of whether surveillance data and protocols are adequate to determine that pest prevalence is below these levels.

Individual NPPOs may draw on a variety of different factors when determining exactly what an appropriate level of pest prevalence should be for a given FF-ALPP. Some commonly considered factors include the following:

- levels stipulated by trading partners in order for trade to proceed
- levels in use by other NPPOs for the same or similar fruit fly species, hosts and agro-ecological conditions (including experience and historical data gained from the operation of other FF-ALPPs as to what levels are required to be maintained to achieve pest free fruits).

Establishment of the parameters used to estimate the level of fruit fly prevalence is described in Annex 1.

### **2.1.2 Geographical description**

The NPPO defines the limits of a proposed FF-ALPP. Isolation of the area (physical or geographical) is not necessarily required for establishment of FF-ALPPs.

Boundaries used to describe the delimitation of the FF-ALPP should be established and closely related to the relative presence of hosts of the target fruit fly species or adjusted to readily recognizable boundaries.

### **2.1.3 Surveillance activities prior to establishment**

Prior to the establishment of an FF-ALPP, surveillance to assess the presence and level of prevalence of the target fruit fly species should be undertaken for a period determined by its biology, behaviour, climatic characteristics of the area, host availability and appropriate technical considerations. This surveillance should continue for at least 12 consecutive months.

## **2.2 Phytosanitary procedures**

### **2.2.1 Surveillance activities**

Surveillance systems based on trapping are similar in any type of ALPP. The surveillance used in an FF-ALPP may include those processes described in ISPM No. 6 (*Guidelines for surveillance*), section 2.2.2.1 on trapping procedures of ISPM No. 26 (*Establishment of pest free areas for fruit flies (Tephritidae)*) and any other relevant scientific information.

Fruit sampling as a routine surveillance method is not widely used for monitoring fruit flies in low prevalence areas except in areas where sterile insect technique (SIT) is applied, where it may be a major tool.

The NPPO may complement trapping for adults with fruit sampling for larvae. Fruit sampling may be especially useful for surveillance for fruit flies when no traps are available. If larvae are detected in fruit sampling, it may be necessary to rear the larvae to adults in order to identify them. This is the case particularly if multiple species of fruit flies may be present. However, fruit sampling alone will not provide sufficient accuracy for describing the size of the population and should not be solely relied on to validate or verify the FF-ALPP status. Surveillance procedures may include those described in section 2.2.2.2 on fruit sampling procedures of ISPM No. 26 (*Establishment of pest free areas for fruit flies (Tephritidae)*).

The presence and distribution of fruit fly hosts should be recorded separately identifying commercial and non-commercial hosts. This information will help in planning the trapping and host sampling activities and may help in anticipating the potential ease or difficulty of establishing and maintaining the phytosanitary status of the area.

The NPPO should have, or have access to, appropriate identification capabilities for identification of the target fruit fly species detected during the surveys (whether adult or larvae). This capability should also exist for the ongoing verification of FF-ALPP status for the target fruit fly species.

### **2.2.2 Reduction and maintenance of target fruit fly species population level**

Specific control measures may be applied to reduce fruit fly populations to or below the specified level of low pest prevalence. Suppression of fruit fly populations may involve the use of more than one control option; some of these are described in section 3.1.4.2 of ISPM No. 22 (*Requirements for the establishment of areas of low pest prevalence*) and Annex 1 of ISPM No. 26 (*Establishment of pest free areas for fruit flies (Tephritidae)*).

Since the target fruit fly species are either endemic or established in the area, preventive control measures to maintain fruit fly populations at or below the specified level of low pest prevalence are nearly always necessary (some FF-ALPPs may occur naturally). Efforts should be made by NPPOs to select those measures with least environmental impact.

Available methods may include:

- chemical control (e.g. selective insecticide bait, aerial and ground spraying, bait stations and male annihilation technique)
- physical control (e.g. fruit bagging)
- use of beneficial organisms (e.g. natural enemies, SIT)
- cultural control (e.g. stripping and destruction of mature and fallen fruit, elimination or replacement of other host plants by non-host plants where appropriate, early harvesting, discouraging intercropping with fruit fly host plants, pruning before the fruiting period, use of perimeter trap hosts).

### **2.2.3 Phytosanitary measures related to movement of host material or regulated articles**

Phytosanitary measures may be required to reduce the risk of entry of the specified pests into the FF-ALPP. These are outlined in section 3.1.4.3 of ISPM No. 22 (*Requirements for the establishment of areas of low pest prevalence*) and 2.2.3 of ISPM No. 26 (*Establishment of pest free areas for fruit flies (Tephritidae)*).

### **2.2.4 Domestic declaration of an FF-ALPP**

The NPPO should verify the status of the FF-ALPP (in accordance with ISPM No. 8: *Determination of pest status in an area*) specifically by confirming compliance with the procedures established in accordance with this standard (surveillance and controls). The NPPO should declare and notify the establishment of the FF-ALPP, as appropriate.

To verify the status of the FF-ALPP and for purposes of internal management, the continuing FF-ALPP status should be verified after it has been established and any phytosanitary measures for the maintenance of the FF-ALPP have been put in place.

## **2.3 Maintenance of the FF-ALPP**

Once the FF-ALPP is established, the NPPO should maintain the relevant documentation and verification procedures (auditable), and continue the application of phytosanitary procedures as described in section 2.2 of this standard.

### **2.3.1 Surveillance**

In order to maintain the FF-ALPP status, the NPPO should continue surveillance, as described in section 2.2.1 of this standard.

### **2.3.2 Measures to maintain low prevalence levels of target fruit fly species**

In most cases the control measures as identified in section 2.2.2 may be applied to maintain the FF-ALPP, since the target fruit flies are still present in the established area.

If the monitored fruit fly prevalence level is observed to be increasing (but remains below the specified level for the area), a threshold set by the NPPO for the application of additional control measures may be reached. At this point the NPPO may require implementation of such measures (e.g. as described in section 3.1.4.2 of ISPM No. 22: *Requirements for the establishment of areas of low pest prevalence*). This threshold should be set to provide adequate warning of potentially exceeding the specified level of low pest prevalence and avert suspension.

## **2.4 Corrective action plans**

A corrective action plan for the FF-ALPP should be applied by the NPPO when the population level of the target fruit fly exceeds the specified level of low pest prevalence. Annex 2 provides guidelines on corrective action plans for FF-ALPPs.

## **2.5 Suspension, reinstatement and loss of FF-ALPP status**

### **2.5.1 Suspension of FF-ALPP status**

If the specified level of low pest prevalence of the target fruit fly species is exceeded either throughout the whole FF-ALPP area or within a part of the FF-ALPP, the entire FF-ALPP is normally suspended. However, where the affected area within the FF-ALPP can be identified and clearly delimited, then the FF-ALPP may be redefined to suspend only that area.

Relevant importing NPPOs should be notified without undue delay of these actions (further information on pest reporting requirements is provided in ISPM No. 17: *Pest reporting*).

Suspension may also apply if faults in the application of the procedures are found (for example, inadequate trapping, pest control measures or documentation).

If an FF-ALPP is suspended, an investigation by the NPPO should be initiated to determine the cause of the failure and introduce measures to prevent such failures from reoccurring.

When an FF-ALPP is suspended, the criteria for reinstatement should be made clear.

### **2.5.2 Reinstatement of FF-ALPP status**

Reinstatement of FF-ALPP status applies only to suspended areas and may take place when:

- the population level no longer exceeds the specified level of low pest prevalence and this is maintained for a period determined by the biology of the target fruit fly species and the prevailing environmental conditions; and/or
- faulty procedures have been corrected and verified.

Once the specified level of low prevalence has been achieved and maintained as required above or procedural faults have been rectified through the application of corrective actions contained in the plan, the FF-ALPP status can be reinstated. If the FF-ALPP is established for export of host fruits, records regarding the reinstatement should be made available to the NPPO of the relevant importing country(ies) on request and verification may take place if necessary.

### **2.5.3 Loss of FF-ALPP status**

Loss of FF-ALPP status should occur after suspension if reinstatement has failed to take place within a justifiable time frame, taking into account the biology of the fruit fly target species. Relevant importing NPPOs should be notified without undue delay of the change in status of the FF-ALPP (further information on pest reporting requirements is provided in ISPM No. 17: *Pest reporting*).

In the event that FF-ALPP status is lost, the procedures for establishment and maintenance outlined in this standard should be followed to achieve the FF-ALPP status again, and should take into account all background information related to the area.

## ANNEX 1

**PARAMETERS USED TO ESTIMATE THE LEVEL OF FRUIT FLY PREVALENCE<sup>1</sup>**

Parameters used to determine the level of fruit fly prevalence in the FF-ALPP are defined by the NPPO. The most widely used parameter is flies per trap per day (FTD). More precise spatial data may be presented on the basis of trap density (i.e. FTD per unit area) or temporally for each trap present in an area over time.

The FTD is an index used to estimate the population by averaging the number of flies captured by one trap in one day. This parameter estimates the relative number of fruit fly adults in a given time and space. It provides baseline information to compare fruit fly populations among different places and/or time.

The FTD is the result of dividing the total number of captured flies by the product obtained from multiplying the total number of inspected traps by the average number of days the traps were exposed. The formula is as follows:

$$\text{FTD} = \frac{F}{T \times D}$$

Where

F = total number of flies captured

T = number of inspected traps

D = number of days traps were exposed in the field.

In cases where traps are regularly inspected on a weekly basis, or longer in the case of winter surveillance operations, the parameter may be “flies per trap per week” (FTW). It estimates the number of flies captured by one trap in one week. Thus, FTD can be obtained from FTW by dividing by 7. Any significant changes in the status of any parameters critical to the efficacy of the FF-ALPP should be reviewed and modified, as appropriate.

Specified levels of low pest prevalence, as expressed in FTD values, should be established in relation to the risk of infestation of the fruits that are intended to be protected by the FF-ALPP, and in relation to any specific related objectives of the FF-ALPP (e.g. fruit-fly free commodities for export). In situations where a single FF-ALPP contains more than one host species (i.e. the ALPP is intended to protect more than one target fruit fly host), the specified level of low pest prevalence should be based on scientific information relating to each host of the fruit fly species, the risks of infestation and comparative preferences of the target fruit fly species for the different hosts. However, in situations where the FF-ALPP is established to protect only one type of host, consideration should be given to the level of infestation expected on that host. In such situations, lower specified levels of low pest prevalence are usually established for the primary host(s) of the target fruit fly species and comparatively higher levels for secondary hosts.

The biology of the target fruit flies (including number of generations per year, host range, host species present in the area, temperature thresholds, behaviour, reproduction and dispersion capacity) plays a major role in establishing appropriate specified levels of low pest prevalence. For an FF-ALPP with several hosts present, the established specified levels of low pest prevalence should reflect host diversity and abundance, host preference and host sequence for each target fruit fly species present. Although an FF-ALPP may have different specified levels of low pest prevalence for each relevant fruit fly target species, those levels should remain fixed for the whole area and duration of the FF-ALPP operation.

Efficiency of the types of traps and attractants used to estimate the levels of the pest population and the procedures applied for servicing the traps should be taken into consideration. The rationale is that different trap efficiencies could lead to different FTD results at the same location for a given population, so they have a significant effect in measuring the prevalence level of the target fruit fly species. Thus, when specifying the level of low pest prevalence accepted in terms of an FTD value, the efficacy of the trapping system should be stated as well.

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<sup>1</sup> This annex is an official part of the standard.

Once a specified level of low pest prevalence has been established for a given situation using a specific lure/attractant, the lure/attractant used in the FF-ALPP must not be changed or modified until an appropriate specified level of low pest prevalence is determined for the new formulation. For FF-ALPPs with multiple target fruit fly species present that are attracted to different lures/attractants, trap placement should take into consideration possible interactive effects between lures/attractants.

Fruit sampling can be used as a complementary surveillance method to trapping to assess the profile of the fruit fly population levels, particularly if traps are not available for target species. Fruit sampling should be done on known hosts. It should be taken into account that efficacy of fruit sampling depends on sample size, frequency and timing. Fruit sampling may include rearing larvae to identify the fruit fly species. If fruit cutting is done, the efficacy of visually detecting larvae should be considered. However, fruit sampling will not provide sufficient accuracy for describing the size of the population and should not be solely relied on to validate or verify the FF-ALPP status.

## ANNEX 2

**GUIDELINES ON CORRECTIVE ACTION PLANS FOR FRUIT FLIES IN AN FF-ALPP<sup>2</sup>**

Faults in the procedures or their application (e.g. inadequate trapping or pest control measures, inadequate documentation) or the detection of a population level exceeding the specified level of low pest prevalence for the target fruit fly species in the FF-ALPP should trigger the application of a corrective action plan. The objective of the corrective action plan is to ensure procedures and their applications are adequate and suppression of the fruit fly population to below the specified level for low pest prevalence is achieved as soon as possible. It is the responsibility of the NPPO to ensure that appropriate corrective action plans are developed. Corrective action plans should not be repeatedly implemented because this may lead to a loss of FF-ALPP status and the need to re-establish the area in accordance with the guidelines of this standard.

The corrective action plan should be prepared taking into account the biology of the target fruit fly species, the geography of the FF-ALPP, climatic conditions, phenology, and host abundance and distribution within the area.

The elements required for implementation of a corrective action plan include:

- declaration of suspension of FF-ALPP of status, where appropriate
- legal framework under which the corrective action plan can be applied
- time scales for the initial response and follow-up activities
- delimiting survey (trapping and fruit sampling) and application of the suppression actions
- identification capability
- availability of sufficient operational resources
- effective communication within the NPPO and with the NPPO(s) of the relevant importing country(ies), including provision of contact details of all parties involved
- a detailed map and definition of the suspension area
- revision and rectification of operational procedures, or
- range of control measures available e.g. pesticides.

**Application of the corrective action plan****1. Notice to implement corrective actions**

The NPPO notifies interested stakeholders and parties, including relevant importing countries, when initiating the application of a corrective action plan. The NPPO is responsible for supervising the implementation of corrective measures.

Notification should include the reason for initiating the plan i.e. faulty procedures or exceeding the specified level of low pest prevalence.

**2. Determination of the phytosanitary status**

Immediately after detecting a population level higher than the specified level of low pest prevalence, a delimiting survey (which may include the deployment of additional traps, fruit sampling of host fruits and increased trap inspection frequency) should be implemented to determine the size of the affected area and more precisely gauge the level of the fruit fly prevalence.

**3. Suspension of FF-ALPP status**

If the specified level of low pest prevalence of the target fruit fly species is exceeded or faulty procedures are found, the FF-ALPP status should be suspended as stated in section 2.5.1 of this standard.

**4. Rectification of procedural faults**

Faulty procedures and associated documentation should be immediately reviewed to identify the source of the fault(s). The source and corrective action taken should be documented and the modified procedures monitored to ensure compliance with the objectives of the FF-ALPP.

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<sup>2</sup> This annex is an official part of the standard.

#### 5. Implementation of control measures in the affected area

Specific suppression actions should immediately be implemented in the affected area(s). Available methods include:

- selective insecticide-bait treatments (aerial and/or ground spraying and bait stations)
- sterile insect technique
- male annihilation technique
- collection and destruction of affected fruit
- stripping and destruction of host fruits, if possible
- insecticide treatments (ground, cover).

#### 6. Notification of relevant agencies

Relevant NPPOs and other agencies should be kept informed of corrective actions. Information on pest reporting requirements under the IPPC is provided in ISPM No. 17 (*Pest reporting*).

## APPENDIX 1

**GUIDELINES ON TRAPPING PROCEDURES<sup>3</sup>**

Information about trapping is available in the following publication of the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA): *Trapping Guidelines for area-wide fruit fly programmes*, IAEA/FAO-TG/FFP, 2003. IAEA, Vienna.

This publication is widely available, easily accessible and generally recognized as authoritative.

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<sup>3</sup> This appendix is not an official part of the standard. It is provided for information only.

## APPENDIX 2

TYPICAL APPLICATIONS OF AN FF-ALPP<sup>4</sup>**1. An FF-ALPP as a buffer zone**

In cases where the biology of the target fruit fly species is such that it is likely to disperse from an infested area into a protected area, it may be necessary to define a buffer zone with a low fruit fly prevalence (as described in ISPM No. 26: *Establishment of pest free areas for fruit flies (Tephritidae)*). Establishment of the FF-ALPP and FF-PFA should occur at the same time, enabling the FF-ALPP to be defined for the purpose of protecting the FF-PFA.

**1.1 Determination of an FF-ALPP as a buffer zone**

Determination procedures draw upon those listed in section 1.2 of this standard. In addition, in delimiting the buffer zone, detailed maps may be included showing the boundaries of the area to be protected, distribution of hosts, host location, urban areas, entry points and control checkpoints. It is also relevant to include data related to natural biogeographical features such as prevalence of other hosts, climate, and location of valleys, plains, deserts, rivers, lakes and sea, as well as other areas that function as natural barriers. The size of the buffer zone in relation to the size of the area being protected will depend on the biology of the target fruit fly species (including behaviour, reproduction and dispersal capacity), the intrinsic characteristics of the protected area, and the economic and operational feasibility of establishing the FF-ALPP.

**1.2 Establishment of an FF-ALPP as a buffer zone**

The establishment procedures are described in section 2.1 of this standard. The movement of relevant fruit fly host commodities into the area may need to be regulated. Additional information can be found in section 2.2.3 of ISPM No. 26 (*Establishment of pest free areas for fruit flies (Tephritidae)*).

**1.3 Maintenance of an FF-ALPP as a buffer zone**

Maintenance procedures include those listed in section 2.3 of this standard. Since the buffer zone has features similar to the area or place of production it protects, procedures for maintenance may include those listed for the FF-PFA as described in section 2.3 of ISPM No. 26 (*Establishment of pest free areas for fruit flies (Tephritidae)*) and sections 3.1.4.2, 3.1.4.3 and 3.1.4.4 of ISPM No. 22 (*Requirements for the establishment of areas of low pest prevalence*). The importance of information dissemination may also be considered in the maintenance of an FF-ALPP as a buffer zone.

**2. FF-ALPPs for export purposes**

FF-ALPPs may be used to facilitate fruit exports from the area. In most cases the FF-ALPP is the main component of a systems approach as a pest risk mitigation measure. Examples of measures and/or factors used in conjunction with FF-ALPPs include:

- pre- and post-harvest treatments
- production of secondary hosts or non-hosts in preference to primary hosts
- export of host material to areas not at risk during particular seasons
- physical barriers (e.g. pre-harvest bagging, insect-proof structures).

**2.1 Determination of an FF-ALPP for export purposes**

Determining procedures may include those listed in section 1.2 of this standard. In addition, the following elements should be considered for the determination of an FF-ALPP:

- a list of products (hosts) of interest
- a list of other commercial and non-commercial hosts of the target fruit fly species present but not intended for export and their level of occurrence, as appropriate
- additional information such as any historical records in connection with biology, occurrence and control of the target fruit fly species or any other fruit fly species that may be present in the FF-ALPP.

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<sup>4</sup> This appendix is not an official part of the standard. It is provided for information only.

## **2.2 Maintenance of an FF-ALPP for export purposes**

Maintenance procedures may include those described in section 2.3.2 of this standard and should be applied if hosts are available. If appropriate, surveillance may continue at a lower frequency during the off-season period. This will depend on the biology of the target fruit fly species and its relationship with hosts present during the off-season period.