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I. Introduction

1. At the Sixth Session of the Interim Commission on Phytosanitary Measures (ICPM) a fast track standard setting process was adopted (see report of ICPM-6, 2004, Appendix X).
2. As outlined in the fast track standard setting process, if no formal objections are received after the 100 day country consultation period then the standard is included on the agenda for the next ICPM plenary session for adoption without discussion. If one or more formal objections are received during the 100 days, the Secretariat tries to resolve the issue(s) with the country(ies) concerned, and if these issues are resolved without change to the draft text, submits the standard to the ICPM for adoption without discussion.
3. Also in accordance with the decision at ICPM-6 in relation to the improvements of standard-setting procedures (see report of ICPM-6, 2004, Appendix IX, point 3), countries are invited to take the following points into account:
 - a) Members should endeavour to provide only substantive comments at meetings of the CPM.
 - b) Members should endeavour to provide comments in writing to the Secretariat at least 14 days before the CPM. The Secretariat will provide a copy of all comments received, in original form, at the start of the CPM.
 - c) Members should indicate comments that are strictly editorial (do not change the substance) and could be incorporated by the Secretariat as considered appropriate and necessary.

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4. In accordance with the decision of ICPM-6, all country comments are available on the IPP (www.ippc.int). In addition, countries are invited to refer to the draft report of the SC (November 2005) for an overview of the main points of discussion.

II. Revision of the Methyl Bromide Fumigation Schedule of Annex I of ISPM No. 15 (*Guidelines for Regulating Wood Packaging Material in International Trade*)

5. ICPM-4 (2002) adopted ISPM No. 15 (*Guidelines for regulating wood packaging material in international trade*) and the ICPM agreed on the need for the annex to the standard to be under continual review to reflect current scientific knowledge. Two members expressed concern on the efficacy of methyl bromide in relation to pinewood nematodes. Based on the fact that new data was available and more data was expected to become available soon, ICPM-4 recognized that further analyses needed to be carried out.

6. ICPM-5 (2003) was informed by the Republic of Korea of the outcome of an experiment undertaken in conjunction with the People's Republic of China to determine the efficacy of methyl bromide (MBr) as a treatment against pine wood nematode. The ICPM "... noted the data on the efficacy of methyl bromide..." and "...referred the data for scientific review by the International Forest Quarantine Research Group..." (paragraph 74 of the report of ICPM-5).

7. At ICPM-6, the International Forestry Quarantine Research Group reported that a subcommittee had been formed to evaluate the need for changes in the MBr schedule in Annex I (Approved measures associated with wood packaging material) of ISPM No. 15. The ICPM "...noted that ICPM-5 requested the International Forestry Quarantine Research Group to utilize their expertise to review scientific data on treatments of wood." (paragraph 55 of the report of ICPM-6).

8. At the International Forestry Quarantine Research Group meeting in February, 2005, research data on MBr efficacy was presented and reviewed. The Technical Panel on Forest Quarantine then evaluated the data and unanimously agreed that the MBr fumigation schedule in Annex I of ISPM No. 15 should be modified to increase the treatment time to 24 h in order to facilitate penetration of the gas and ensure that adequate concentrations of the fumigant are maintained during the duration of the treatment. In addition, based on appropriate research data, the minimum fumigation temperature indicated in the table was modified to ensure consistency with the accompanying text in Annex I of ISPM No. 15.

9. At ICPM-7 (2005), some members agreed that the revised schedule should be approved as soon as possible. However, they felt that that the standard setting process should be followed before it was adopted by the ICPM. It was concluded that this revised annex was an ideal candidate for adoption under the fast track system and would be submitted to the ICPM Standards Committee (ICPM-SC) under this system.

10. In April 2005, the ICPM-SC reviewed the draft revised schedule and approved it to be sent for country consultation under the fast track process. The draft was sent out on 15 June 2005 for the 100 day country consultation period.

11. Although no formal objections were submitted, the Secretariat received 11 different comments from 14 individual countries and 2 Regional Plant Protection Organizations (RPPOs), namely: Asia and Pacific Plant Protection Commission (APPPC) and Comité Regional de Sandidad Vegetal del Cono Sur (COSAVE).

12. The comments were compiled and submitted for review by the ICPM-SC in November 2005. The ICPM-SC considered the comments, decided not to modify the draft revised schedule as sent for country consultation and recommended it for adoption by the CPM.

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13. The CPM is invited to:
 1. *Adopt* the proposed revision to the methyl bromide fumigation schedule of Annex I of ISPM No. 15 (*Guidelines for regulating wood packaging material in international trade*), contained in Annex 1 (point 3) of the present document.

Annex 1

**Proposed revision to the Methyl Bromide Fumigation Schedule of
Annex I of ISPM No. 15 (*Guidelines for regulating Wood Packaging
Material in International Trade*)**

Temperature	Dosage (g/m ³)	Minimum concentration (g/m ³) at:			
		2hrs.	4hrs.	12hrs.	24hrs.
21°C or above	48	36	31	28	24
16°C or above	56	42	36	32	28
10°C or above	64	48	42	36	32

The minimum temperature should not be less than 10°C and the minimum exposure time should be 24 hours.