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Agenda item 10.2
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I. BACKGROUND

1. The IPPC Standard setting procedure¹ states that contracting parties may submit an objection to the adoption of a draft International Standard on Phytosanitary Measures (ISPM) and that the objection must be accompanied by technical justification and suggestions for improvement of the draft ISPM which are likely to be acceptable to other CPs. The objection must be submitted to the IPPC Secretariat no later than three weeks before the CPM session.

II. OBJECTIONS

2. The IPPC Secretariat received an objection on the following draft ISPM:

¹ See section 2, IPPC Standard setting procedure: <https://www.ippc.int/en/core-activities/ippc-standard-setting-procedure-manual/>

- An objection by Australia on Draft revision of Annex 1 (Approved treatments associated with wood packaging material) and Annex 2 (The mark and its application) to ISPM 15 (Regulation of wood packaging material in international trade): inclusion of the phytosanitary treatment Sulphuryl fluoride fumigation and Revision of the dielectric heating section (2006-010A&B), available in document **CPM 2018/03_03**.
3. The objection received is in Attachment 1, presented as they were received by the IPPC Secretariat.

III. CONSIDERATION OF THE OBJECTIONS

4. The IPPC Standard setting procedure states that “concerned CPs should make every effort to seek agreement before the CPM session. The objection will be added to the CPM agenda and the CPM will decide on a way forward”. However, the IPPC Standard setting procedure also states that objections must be accompanied by technical justification and suggestions for improvement.
5. For the **draft revision of Annexes 1 and 2 of ISPM 15** (*Regulation of wood packaging material in international trade*): inclusion of the phytosanitary treatment sulphuryl fluoride fumigation and revision of the dielectric heating section (2006-010A&B), the CPM should decide whether the objection is technically justified. It is noted that the objecting party views the issue as a useful technical clarification rather than a critical issue with the standard.
6. It is noted that the draft revision to ISPM 15 is based on and consistent in wording with adopted Annexes 22 and 23 to ISPM 28 (*Phytosanitary treatments for regulated pests*): PT 22 (*Sulphuryl fluoride fumigation treatment for insects in debarked wood*) and PT 23 (*Sulphuryl fluoride fumigation treatment for nematodes and insects in debarked wood*).
7. On 28 March 2018, Australia formally withdrew the objection to the draft revision to ISPM15 after consultation with experts from the Australian NPPO and TPPT members and therefore supports the adoption of Draft revision of Annex 1 (Approved treatments associated with wood packaging material) and Annex 2 (The mark and its application) to ISPM 15 (Regulation of wood packaging material in international trade): inclusion of the phytosanitary treatment Sulphuryl fluoride fumigation and Revision of the dielectric heating section (2006-010A&B) at CPM-13.

Attachment 1: Objections received prior to CPM-13 (2018)

Objection received by Australia

Draft ISPM on Revision of Annex 1 and Annex 2 to ISPM 15, for inclusion of the phytosanitary treatment sulphuryl fluoride fumigation and revision of the dielectric heating section (2006-010A&B)

Introduction:

The department proposes to edit the temperature range in Table 3. and Table 4. in the *Revision of Annex 1 and 2 to ISPM 15 – timber packaging, for the inclusion of the phytosanitary treatment sulphuryl fluoride fumigation and revision of the dielectric heating section*. The proposed changes will provide clarity by removing overlapping temperature ranges. Table 3 describes the minimum Concentration Time (CT) requirement for sulfuryl fluoride at two temperature regimes 30 oC statement 152 or above and 20 oC statement 155 or above. The department proposes to change statement 155 from ‘20 or above for 48 hours’ to ‘20 to 29oC for 48 hours’. It also proposes to add one decimal place to more closely match the Methyl Bromide fumigation treatment requirements.

Technical justification to the objection: *[Add text to technically justify the objection and provide evidence supporting the objection. Also refer to the Criteria to help determine whether an objection is technically justified (approved by CPM-8 (2013)) and available in the IPPC Procedure Manual for Standard Setting: <https://www.ippc.int/en/core-activities/ippc-standard-setting-procedure-manual/>)]*

The current text in Table 3. Statement 155 ‘20 or above for 48 hours’ will also cover temperatures above 30 °C with a fumigation period of 24 hours. This will not achieve the minimum CTP of 3000 g.h/m³ (Statement 156). Statement 152 ‘30 °C or above’ requires a 24 hour exposure period with a minimum CT of 1400 (Statement 153). In contrast statement 156 uses a minimum CT of 3000g.h/m³, lower temperature and longer exposure period (48 hours). Therefore, statement 155 requires a temperature regime between 20 °C and a temperature less than 30 °C.

In addition, temperature values have been given specificity to one decimal place, to more closely match the Methyl Bromide fumigation treatment requirements.

Suggestions for improvement of the draft ISPM: *[Provide text suggestions to improve the draft ISPM in order to address the concerns raised in the objection. Indicate the next steps to be undertaken to seek agreement before the CPM.]*

Table 3 – Column 1: Replace statement 155 from current ‘20 or above for 48 hours’ to ‘20.0 to 29.9 for 48 hours’ so that statement 152 and statement 155 do not overlap and create confusion.

Column 1: Replace statement 152 with ‘30.0 or above for 24 h’

Table 4. – Column 1: Replace statement 176 with ‘30.0 or above’

Column 1: Replace statement 186 with ‘20.0 to 29.9