



REPORT

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1. Opening of the meeting

1.1 Orientation refresher for GoToTraining

Before beginning the meeting, the International Plant Protection Convention (IPPC) Secretariat gave a brief overview/refresher of the virtual meeting tool GoToTraining and also noted the etiquette and ground rules for participants to follow during the meeting.

1.2 Welcome by the IPPC Secretariat

The IPPC Secretariat welcomed the participants to the meeting. In attendance were four members of the Technical Panel on Phytosanitary Treatments (TPPT) and the two Secretariat Leads. The other members were unable to attend due to previous engagements.

The Secretariat noted the purpose of the meeting was to discuss and update all panel members on:

- The Cold Treatments (CT) Symposium
- Status of treatment Guidelines
- Eight cold treatments returned by the Standards Committee (SC)
- IPPC Secretariat call for treatments
- 2012 December TPPT meeting in Nagoya, Japan

The panel approved the agenda (see Appendix 1 to this report) and reviewed the documents list (see Appendix 2 to this report).

1.3 Introductions

The meeting participants introduced themselves and agreed to update their contact information on the International Phytosanitary Portal (IPP, www.ippc.int) if necessary (see Appendix 3 to this report).

2. Secretariat Maintenance and Updates from relevant Bodies

2.1 Cold Treatments symposium

At its April 2012 meeting, the SC considered the how to proceed with the four CTs that had received formal objections at CPM-7 (2012). One suggestion was to hold a discussion forum for experts of CTs in order to build NPPO confidence in CTs and to establish mutual understanding of any related issues. The SC agreed that a meeting be organized under the auspices of the Secretariat using relevant experts from the TPPT and Technical Panel on pest free areas and system approaches for fruit flies (TPFF). The TPPT and TPFF could help identify the best CT experts in the world to attend the meeting. The Secretariat had requested the panel provide feedback on this concept. The panel briefly discussed the concept of a CT symposium at its 2012 May Virtual Meeting, but needed more information about the SC proposal to further discuss the issue.

The panel asked the Secretariat to provide more information on the main objective of the symposium, (i.e. to address the formal objections received at CPM-7 (2012), whether it was science or policy based, the proposed date of the symposium, etc.)

The Secretariat explained that the symposium would be a gathering of CT experts from around the world to discuss science-based issues regarding CTs, such as CTs being used but possibly not heard of by other experts. The experts could collaborate on current research in CTs, including methodologies and commodities.

The panel had some concerns whether the symposium would address the formal objections from CPM-7 (2012) and that this may not be the proper forum for these issues. The Secretariat explained that one of the outcomes of the symposium would not be to discuss the formal objections, but to prevent them in the future.

The Secretariat mentioned that the symposium could be held as early as February 2013, but the panel said that there would not be sufficient time to contact experts, arrange travel, etc.

The panel requested that the Secretariat prepare a draft symposium agenda or programme before the 2012 December TPPT meeting in Japan so that the panel could discuss the issue at the meeting.

2.2 2012 June Bureau: All guidelines for treatments placed on hold except for Dielectric Heating

The Secretariat informed the panel that the 2012 June Bureau had placed all treatment guidelines on hold, except for the dielectric heating guideline. The panel was concerned about this decision, noting that these documents had been worked on for about six months and hold very valuable information for contracting parties.

The Secretariat noted that the SC will revisit this issue at its November 2012 meeting, so the panel will receive more information on the status of these guidelines at the 2012 December TPPT meeting.

3. Cold treatments returned from 2011 Nov SC e-decision: status of draft response addressing the SC's concerns about damage to the fruit

The SC had returned two CTs (Cold treatment for *Ceratitits capitata* on *Citrus limon* (2007-206C) and the *Cold treatment for Bactrocera tryoni* on *Citrus limon* (2007-206G) (see Section 6.2) to the panel because of concerns about chilling injury to *C. limon* during in-transit cold disinfestation. The panel discussed a response to the SC's concern, such as the operational aspects of the issue, noting that the panel's response will not offer operational guidance but will discuss aspects of cold treatment that could cause injury to *C. limon*. The panel noted that the problem of chilling injury is not the treatment schedule but rather the operational conditions under which it is applied. The panel's cold treatment expert agreed to draft the response so the panel could discuss and finalize it at the 2012 December TPPT meeting.

4. Discussion/status of TPPT response to Formal Objections to cold treatments at CPM-7 (2012)

The panel discussed the four cold treatments that had received formal objections during CPM-7 (2012). The panel members had informally responded to the formal objections before the 2012 April SC meeting, but still needed to finalize the TPPT response to the formal objections. The panel agreed to have the Secretariat compile all the member's responses into a formal document, to be presented and finalized at the next TPPT meeting.

5. Dielectric Heating Guideline

The panel reviewed the draft dielectric heating guideline and agreed to send all comments before the next International Forest Quarantine Research Group (IFQRG) meeting. There were concerns from the panel whether the draft addressed guidelines needed for stacked wood, and the member who drafted the guidelines would ensure this was addressed.

6. 2012 Call for Phytosanitary Treatments

The Secretariat reminded the panel of the 2012 call for treatments, which called for:

- Modified atmospheres and controlled atmospheres treatments for fruit flies
- Soil and growing media treatments
- Irradiation treatments

The Secretariat also reminded the panel that, due to the small number of submissions, the call had been extended to 30 September 2012.

8. Recommendations to the SC

The panel had no recommendations to the SC.

9. Other business

9.1 Approval of Draft 2012 May TPPT Virtual Meeting Report

The panel provided comments on the 2012 May TPPT virtual meeting report. The Secretariat will revise the report and post it on the IPP.

9.2 Updates on 2012 December TPPT Meeting in Nagoya, Japan

The Secretariat provided updates on the 2012 December TPPT meeting in Nagoya, Japan, and answered all the member's questions and concerns.

10. Follow-up Actions for next TPPT Virtual Meeting

10.1 TPPT Work Programme

The panel review and revised the TPPT work programme.

11. Close of the meeting

The Secretariat thanked the members for participating in the meeting.

11.1 Feedback on virtual meetings (SC Request)

The panel had no major issues with this virtual meeting.

Appendix 1 - Agenda

AGENDA ITEM	DOCUMENT NO.	PRESENTER
1. Opening of the meeting	-	ZETTLER
1.1 Orientation Refresher for GoToTraining	2012_TPPT_Sep_04	DUBON
1.2 Welcome by the IPPC Secretariat	2012_TPPT_Sep_01 2012_TPPT_Sep_02	ZETTLER
1.3 Introductions	2012_TPPT_Sep_03	ZETTLER
2. Secretariat Maintenance and Updates from relevant Bodies	-	ZETTLER
2.1 CT symposium <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Purpose, needs • Science or policy? • Hold in Feb 2012? • All treatments or only CT? 	-	DUBON
2.2 2012 June Bureau: All guidelines for treatments placed on hold except for Dielectric Heating	-	DUBON
3. Cold treatments returned from 2011 Nov SC e-decision: status of draft response addressing the SC's concerns about damage to the fruit	-	JESSUP (Lead) WOOD and ORMSBY (Review)
4. Discussion/status of TPPT response to Formal Objections to cold treatments at CPM-7 (2012)	-	ZETTLER
5. Dielectric Heating Guideline (finalize by Sep 2012 for presentation to 2012 Nov SC)	2012_TPPT_Sep_05	ORMSBY
6. 2012 Call for Phytosanitary Treatments (extended to 30 Sep 2012)	-	ZETTLER
6.1 Call for phytosanitary treatments <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Modified atmospheres and controlled atmospheres for fruit flies ❖ Soil and growing media ❖ Irradiation treatments 	-	ZETTLER
8. Recommendations to the SC (if applicable)	-	ZETTLER
9. Other business	-	ZETTLER
9.1 Approval of Draft 2012 May TPPT Virtual Meeting Report	2012_TPPT_Sep_06	DUBON
9.2 Updates on 2012 December TPPT Meeting in Nagoya, Japan	2012_TPPT_Sep_07 https://www.ippc.int/index.php?id=1111070	DUBON
10. Follow-up Actions for next TPPT Virtual Meeting	-	ZETTLER
10.1 TPPT Work Programme	2012_TPPT_Sep_08	DUBON
11. Close of the meeting	-	ZETTLER
11.1 Feedback on virtual meetings (SC Request)	-	DUBON

Appendix 2 – Documents list

DOCUMENT NUMBER	AGENDA ITEM	DOCUMENT TITLE (PREPARED BY)	DATE POSTED / DISTRIBUTED
2012_TPPT_Sep_01	01.2	Agenda (DUBON)	2012-09-09
2012_TPPT_Sep_02	01.2	Documents List (DUBON)	2012-09-09
2012_TPPT_Sep_03	01.3	Participants List (DUBON)	2012-09-09
2012_TPPT_Sep_04	01.1	Virtual meeting information (DUBON)	2012-09-09
2012_TPPT_Sep_05	05.0	Dielectric Heating Guideline (ORMSBY)	2012-09-09
2012_TPPT_Sep_06	09.1	Draft 2012 May TPPT Virtual Meeting Report	2012-09-09
2012_TPPT_Sep_07	09.2	Generic Invite Letter for 2012 December TPPT Meeting in Nagoya, Japan	2012-09-09
2012_TPPT_Sep_08	10.1	TPPT Work Programme	2012-09-09

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