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# PT 23: Sulfuryl fluoride fumigation treatment for nematodes and insects in debarked wood

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## ISPM 28

### Phytosanitary treatments for regulated pests

#### PT 23: Sulphuryl fluoride fumigation treatment for nematodes and insects in debarked wood

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##### Scope of the treatment

This treatment describes the fumigation of debarked wood using sulphuryl fluoride to reduce the risk of introduction and spread of *Bursaphelenchus xylophilus* and insect pests<sup>1</sup>.

##### Treatment description

<b>Name of treatment</b>	Sulphuryl fluoride fumigation treatment for nematodes and insects in debarked wood
<b>Active ingredient</b>	Sulphuryl fluoride (also known as sulfuryl fluoride, sulphur dioxide difluoride, sulphuryl difluoride)
<b>Treatment type</b>	Fumigation
<b>Target pests</b>	Wood-borne life stages of <i>Bursaphelenchus xylophilus</i> (Steiner & Buhrer, 1934) Nickle, 1970 (Nematoda: Aphelenchoididae) and insects, including <i>Anoplophora glabripennis</i> (Motschulsky, 1853) (Coleoptera: Cerambycidae), <i>Anobium punctatum</i> (De Geer, 1774) (Coleoptera: Anobiidae) and <i>Arhopalus tristis</i> (Fabricius, 1787) (Coleoptera: Cerambycidae)
<b>Target regulated articles</b>	Debarked wood not exceeding 20 cm in cross-section at its smallest dimension and 75% moisture content (dry basis)

##### Treatment schedule

Fumigation of debarked wood not exceeding 20 cm in cross-section at its smallest dimension and 75% moisture content (dry basis) in accordance with a schedule that achieves the minimum concentration–time product (CT) within a single 24 or 48 hour period at the temperature and final residual concentration specified in Table 1.

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<sup>1</sup> The scope of phytosanitary treatments does not include issues related to pesticide registration or other domestic requirements for contracting parties' approval of treatments. Treatments adopted by the Commission on Phytosanitary Measures may not provide information on specific effects on human health or food safety, which should be addressed using domestic procedures before contracting parties approve a treatment. In addition, potential effects of treatments on product quality are considered for some host commodities before their international adoption. However, evaluation of any effects of a treatment on the quality of commodities may require additional consideration. There is no obligation for a contracting party to approve, register or adopt the treatments for use in its territory.

**Table 1.** Minimum concentration–time product (CT) within a single 24 or 48 hour period for debarked wood fumigated with sulphuryl fluoride

Temperature	Duration (hours)	Minimum required CT (g·h/m <sup>3</sup> )	Minimum concentration (g/m <sup>3</sup> )
20 °C or above	48	3 000	29
30 °C or above	24	1 400	41

This treatment schedule is effective against all wood-borne life stages of nematode and insect pests. There is 95% confidence that the treatment according to this schedule achieves the following levels of mortality for the wood-borne life stages of the following nematode and insect pests:

- *Bursaphelenchus xylophilus* to not less than 99.99683%
- *Anoplophora glabripennis* (larvae and pupae) to not less than 99.99683%<sup>2</sup>
- *Anobium punctatum* (all life stages) to not less than 99.7462%
- *Arhopalus tristis* (all life stages) to not less than 99%.

The measured temperature of the product (including at the wood core) or the ambient air (whichever is lower) is used to calculate the sulphuryl fluoride dose and must be at least 20 °C throughout the duration of the treatment.

### Other relevant information

One example of a schedule that achieves the minimum required CT for debarked wood treated with sulphuryl fluoride is shown in Table 2.

**Table 2.** Example of a treatment schedule that achieves the minimum required concentration–time product (CT) for debarked wood treated with sulphuryl fluoride (SF)

Minimum temperature during treatment	Minimum required CT (g·h/m <sup>3</sup> )	SF dose <sup>†</sup> (g/m <sup>3</sup> )	Minimum concentration (g/m <sup>3</sup> ) at hour:						
			0.5	2	4	12	24	36	48
20 °C or above	3 000	120	124	112	104	82	58	41	29
30 °C or above	1 400	82	87	78	73	58	41	n/a	n/a

<sup>†</sup> Initial doses may need to be higher in conditions of high sorption or leakage.

n/a, not applicable.

The Technical Panel on Phytosanitary Treatments based its evaluation of this treatment for *B. xylophilus* and insects on the research reported by Barak *et al.* (2006), Bonifacio *et al.* (2013) and Sousa *et al.* (2010, 2011).

The general effectiveness of this treatment has been supported by Barak *et al.* (2010), Binker *et al.* (1999), Bonifacio *et al.* (2013), Ducom *et al.* (2003), Dwinell *et al.* (2005), La Fage *et al.* (1982), Mizobuchi *et al.* (1996), Osbrink *et al.* (1987), Soma *et al.* (1996, 1997, 2001), Williams and Sprengel (1990) and Zhang (2006).

<sup>2</sup> The minimum level of mortality achieved by the treatment for this species has been estimated by extrapolation from a model fitted to the experimental data.

If the CT is not achieved within a single 24–48 hour period (even if the minimum concentration is achieved), corrective action will need to be taken. The treatment may be extended for a maximum of two hours without adding more sulphuryl fluoride, or it may be restarted.

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### Organization

- ◆ There are over 180 contracting parties to the IPPC.
- ◆ Each contracting party has a national plant protection organization (NPPO) and an Official IPPC contact point.
- ◆ Nine regional plant protection organizations (RPPOs) work to facilitate the implementation of the IPPC in countries.
- ◆ IPPC liaises with relevant international organizations to help build regional and national capacities.
- ◆ The Secretariat is provided by the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO).

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