

**INTERNATIONAL PEPPER COMMUNITY**  
**REPORT OF THE 13<sup>TH</sup> MEETING OF**  
**THE COMMITTEE ON QUALITY**

29<sup>th</sup> October 2007, Corus Hotel, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia

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**Introduction**

The 13<sup>th</sup> Meeting of IPC Committee on Quality was held at Corus Hotel, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia on 29<sup>th</sup> October 2007. The meeting was hosted by the Government of Malaysia and organized jointly by the Ministry of Plantation Industries and Commodities – Malaysia, Malaysian Pepper Board and the International Pepper Community, Jakarta.

The members of the Committee and other special invitees attended the meeting. The list of delegates is given as **Annex 01**.

**1. Adoption of the Agenda**

The proposed agenda was adopted as given in **Annex 02**.

**2. Opening Address by Executive Director of IPC**

Mr. Dede Kusuma Edi Idris, Executive Director of IPC welcomed the members of the Committee and other delegates. He expected that the Committee would provide constructive recommendations during the deliberations.

**3. Election of Vice Chairman and Members of Drafting Committee**

Malaysia informed the Meeting that due to unforeseen circumstances, the Permanent Committee Chairman, Mr. Ng Siaw Chung was not able to attend the meeting. Mr. KRK Menon of India was elected as the Chairman and Dr. Nguyen Tang Ton of Vietnam as Vice-Chairman of the Meeting.

The Vice-Chairman will be the Chairman of the Drafting Committee, which consists of the following:

- Mr. S. Kannan of India
- Ms. Nanan Nurdjanah of Indonesia
- Mr. Zehnder Jarroop of Malaysia
- Dr. M. Dharmadasa of Sri Lanka

#### **4. Review on the actions taken and progress of the decisions made at the 12th Meeting of Committee held on 3rd September 2006 in Kandy, Sri Lanka**

The Meeting took note of the report of Meeting of Members on Quality Committee held in Kandy, Sri Lanka on 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2006. The action sheet is given as **Annex 03.**

The actions taken and progress of the decisions made at the 12<sup>th</sup> Meeting of Committee were further discussed under the following agenda headings.

##### **4.1 Microbiology**

India presented the report of the first training programme on Microbiological and Aflatoxin analysis. The report is given as **Annex 04.**

The Meeting proposed that Indonesia would be the next host for the training programme in 2008. Indonesia is requested to confirm their acceptance to the proposal to IPC Secretariat in due course.

##### **4.2 Pesticide Residues**

India submitted the comparative report on Codex MRL against their domestic MRLs along with the new pesticides list that need to be included in the IPC list. The report is given as **Annex 05.**

Malaysia also submitted the new list of pesticides that need to be included in the IPC list. The reports are given as **Annex 06.**

Vietnam, Sri Lanka and Indonesia agreed to submit their reports to IPC before the next meeting. India proposed that Codex MRLs be accepted as IPC MRLs. Member Countries agreed to submit their comments to IPC before the next meeting.

India and ESA submitted the methods for the Multi-Residue Analysis on Pesticides Residue and were circulated to member countries for comments in January 2007. It was agreed that the member countries will

submit their comments to IPC which will be further deliberated during the next IPC session.

The meeting also agreed that pesticide residue data of member countries on various pesticides will be submitted to IPC for formulating MRLs under EU for black pepper.

#### **4.3 Mycotoxins**

It was agreed that member countries will submit the Aflatoxin limit to IPC before the next Quality Meeting. India also agreed to provide the analytical testing method for Ochratoxin Analysis to IPC for evaluation by the member countries.

IPC agreed that IPC Secretariat should approach ESA and ASTA to get the monitoring data on the analysis of Ochratoxin in black pepper, if available, as requested by India.

#### **4.4 Inter-Laboratory Proficiency Check Programme**

Due to technical reasons, the analysis on the results of the 10<sup>th</sup> Round of Inter-Laboratory Proficiency Check Programme was not presented. IPC will send the report to the members in due course.

The Meeting agreed that the Proficiency Checking Programme be conducted once a year. The Meeting proposed that Indonesia will prepare the 11<sup>th</sup> round inter-lab samples.

India circulated the guideline on the proper sampling and despatch of material under IPC Proficiency Check Sample Programme for comments. It is agreed that member countries shall modify the same, if required, and submit to IPC for circulation before the next quality meeting.

The Guideline is given as *Annex 07*.

#### **4.5 Terms of Reference (TOR) for broadening the scope of IPC Committee on Quality**

The Meeting noted the acceptance of the amendment to the TOR.

#### **4.6 Sampling Methods for Pepper**

India submitted the sampling plan as agreed during the last meeting. Other member countries have agreed to submit their sampling plan to IPC for circulation before the next meeting for comments.

The sampling plan submitted by India is given as **Annex 08.**

#### **4.7 Good Agriculture Practices for Pepper**

The Meeting agreed to recommend the IPC GAP for adaptation by the Member Countries. IPC agreed to work with member countries to conduct seminars and workshops to promote the GAP preferably with financial assistance from FAO or other institutions.

The IPC GAP is given as **Annex 09.**

#### **4.8. Review of the IPC Code of Hygiene Practices**

The Meeting agreed that the review of IPC Code of Hygiene Practices should be done after IPC GAP and GMP guidelines have been developed.

#### **4.9 Intrinsic Quality**

India submitted a copy of the ASTA and USDA handbook on Nutritional Values in Pepper, as given in **Annex 10.**

Member countries agreed to submit the available data on Intrinsic Chemicals to IPC for consolidation and publishing in the IPC website.

#### **4.10 Action Plan 2007-2009**

Member countries agreed on some amendments to the action plan.

The revised action plan is given as **Annex 11.**

### **5. Position of Science Officer in IPC**

The Meeting noted the matter would be taken up and deliberated further by the Executive Meeting of Heads of Delegates.

### **6. Other matters**

#### **6.1 Black Berries in White Pepper**

Malaysia submitted the reference sample for the identification of black berries in white pepper. Member countries agreed to use them as the reference samples.

## **6.2. Decorticated Pepper and Other Related Issues**

The meeting noted that the issues are addressed in the IPC GAP.

## **6.3 Quality Issues on IPC Website**

It is noted that IPC Secretariat has taken up necessary action in developing Technical Section.

## **6.4 Papers for “Focus on Pepper”**

IPC members agreed to encourage relevant scientists in their countries to submit scientific reports for publishing in “Focus on Pepper”.

IPC may also consider giving honorarium to authors of articles that get published in “Focus on Pepper” in future.

## **7. Consideration and adoption of the report of the 13th Meeting of IPC Committee on Quality**

The meeting noted that this report should be considered and adopted at the 15<sup>th</sup> Pepperexim Meeting.

## **8. Vote of Thanks**

The Chairman thanked all the members and participants for their attendance.

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