

*NATIONAL PLANT BOARD*  
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*Honolulu, Hawaii*

**RESOLUTION No. 7**

**STREAMLINED PROCESS FOR REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF NEW  
TREATMENT METHODS**

In order for a new approved treatment to be included in the Code of Federal Regulations, experimental data must be collected and analyzed by USDA personnel to determine the material's effect on the pest species. Once an EPA registered pesticide is determined to be efficacious against a pest, it must be incorporated as part of the Code of Federal Regulations prior to its use as a legally approved quarantine treatment. This process may take as long as 18-24 months. These delays often create economic burdens, hamper the movement of materials, and lead to a reduced profitability for producers and brokers.

**RESOLVED** by the membership of the National Plant Board at its 81<sup>st</sup> annual meeting in Honolulu, Hawaii on August 22, 2007, that USDA, APHIS, PPQ develop and implement a streamlined process for the review and approval of new treatment methods. This process would permit EPA registered pesticides that have been approved by USDA, APHIS, PPQ staff and researchers to be legally binding upon listing in the individual program manuals. Treatment materials included in program manuals could be legally used in quarantine programs during the period they are being incorporated into the Code of Federal Regulations. This process would accelerate the use of materials found by USDA, APHIS, PPQ program staff and researchers to be efficacious for plant pests.

Motion made by: Gene Cross, Chair, Resolutions/Policy Committee

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