

## **SPECIFICATION NO. 25**

Title: Guidelines for formatting / drafting pest specific ISPMs

Reason for the standard: Pest specific standards are needed to deal with specific aspects of a particular pest as identified by the ICPM to help members with the application of phytosanitary measures and the specification of import requirements.

Scope and purpose: To give guidelines for formatting aspects of a data sheet of a pest and/or a phytosanitary measure related to this specific pest.

Tasks:

The Expert Working Group (EWG) should:

1. identify the aspects of pests and phytosanitary measures that may be considered for specific standards (for example identification, detection, relation between host and pest, biology, surveillance, pest free areas, control etc.);
2. identify subject headings for pest specific ISPMs for each of the aspects identified;
3. consider means of obtaining published information for use in pest specific standards;
4. consider if standards can be developed for groups of pests, not just specific pests;
5. consider how to publish and disseminate this type of standard;
6. consider how pest specific standards (e.g. treatments, diagnostics, surveillance etc.) on the same pest could be integrated.

Provision of resources: Funding for meetings is provided from the regular programme of the IPPC Secretariat (FAO) except where expert participation is voluntarily funded by the expert's government.

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Collaborator: To be determined.

Expertise of EWG: Experience in drafting pest specific standards and in collaborating with publishing organizations. 5-7 participants.

Participants: To be determined and to include members of related EWGs and TPs.

Approval: Introduced into the work programme by the ICPM at its Sixth session in April 2004. Specification reviewed by the extraordinary working group of the Standards Committee meeting in July 2004 and approved by the SC in November 2004.

References:

- Relevant ISPMs;
- Specifications;
- Regional and/or national standards.