

TERMS OF REFERENCE FOR THE OPEN-ENDED IPPC WORKSHOP ON THE INTERNATIONAL MOVEMENT OF GRAIN

Scope: The open ended workshop should collect information and provide clarity on the relevance and type of phytosanitary problems related to the international movement of grain. Furthermore the workshop should collect views and discuss options for the management of the risks identified that may require further action in the IPPC framework in order to minimize these risks and to protect countries from the introduction of quarantine pests associated with the international movement of grain.

Tasks: The workshop should provide an opportunity to collect, consider and discuss relevant information. A report on the main results from the workshop including the different views expressed or if possible common conclusions will be made available to the CPM and SC following the workshop. In particular the workshop should:

- Gather, analyze and discuss information in particular from NPPOs on pest risks related to the international movement of grain (including information on cases where the present systems failed to exclude the introduction of quarantine pests into new countries/areas or even continents) and discuss the factors that may have led to introductions.
- Consider the different phytosanitary risk factors specific to the international movement of grain and if possible evaluate their relevance on a global scale.
- Consider and highlight the relevance of existing ISPMs and clarify whether further specific harmonized guidance for the international movement of grain is considered necessary (e.g., grain production, processing, handling and movement practices, traceability of grain, sampling and inspection (import and export), and grain storage) in order to minimize the risk of introduction of quarantine pests.
- Consider and discuss the relevance of other specific issues (e.g. deviation from intended use).
- Develop an overview of existing standards (commercial, international organizations, RPPOs, NPPOs) that are relevant for the mitigation of the risks, and collect and discuss commercial stakeholder views on the options for further international guidance for the mitigation of phytosanitary risks.
- Explore the need and feasibility of harmonized recommendations for phytosanitary requirements for some types of grain moved internationally.
- Where possible develop common conclusions resulting from the discussions on the topics highlighted above.

Participation: Participants should include experts from NPPOs from all FAO regions and in particular from developing countries and from those who have been affected by or have experience with the introduction of pests of phytosanitary concern via imported grain. Furthermore representatives from trade, producers and international organizations involved in the international commercial movement of grain and food aid should participate. Individual experts with specific knowledge of pests that have been or may be introduced via grain may be invited.

Funding: External resources

The recent FAO congress on food security and the outcome of the discussions at the special session at the 4th Session of CPM will provide valuable background.