



TERMS OF REFERENCE

FOCUS GROUP ON COMMODITY AND PATHWAY STANDARDS - SECOND MEETING

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Background

- [1] The Commission on Phytosanitary Measures (CPM) in its thirteenth session (CPM-13, 2018) has identified the need for further analysis on the purpose, benefits and use of commodity and pathway standards as the basis for guidance to the IPPC Standards Committee (SC) on their development, and to the Implementation and Capacity Development Committee (IC) on their implementation.
- [2] CPM-13 requested the Bureau and Secretariat, develop Terms of Reference (ToR) for a small focus group, with geographical representation. At the CPM-14, it was agreed that the focus group would be reconvened adjacent to the June 2019 Bureau Meeting to draft a concept ISPM for commodity and pathway standards to be presented to CPM-15 (2020) for approval for consultation. The concept standard will:
- i. identify the purpose and scope of commodity and pathway standards
 - ii. determine the layout and format of the commodity and pathway standards
 - iii. capture principles and criteria for their development and use with reference to practical examples, and
 - iv. provide additional details on processes used to develop and use them taking into account comments from SC, IC and Bureau.

Process

- [3] The CPM paper presented to CPM-14 on the results of the first focus group on Commodity and Pathway standards and contracting party comments received during CPM-14 will form the basis of the work by the second meeting of focus group.
- [4] The focus group will meet on 17 - 21 June 2019 in Rome and complete the tasks outlined below. The report of this meeting will be presented to the Bureau during its meeting in 7-11 October 2019, and to Strategic Planning Group (SPG) during its meeting on 8 – 10 October 2019. The SPG will make recommendations on the findings of the second meeting of the focus group on the “governance process” and on the “concept ISPM for commodity and pathway standards”.
- [5] The SC and IC will be invited to review the draft CPM paper and the draft ISPM, at their November 2019 meetings, before it is finalized by the Bureau.

[6] Membership

- [7] The focus group is skills - and knowledge-based with geographical representation and it should be composed of:
- Maximum of 8 experts, and
 - At least one representative of the Bureau
 - One representative of the SC and one of IC.
- [8] Its membership should have collective experience and expertise in:
- the development and application of practical measures for managing phytosanitary risks;
 - the development and implementation of international and/or regional and national standards;
 - undertaking pest risk analysis and the establishment of risk-based phytosanitary measures.

[9] Together with:

- a practical knowledge of production and trading pathways and processes for plants and plant products;
- a broader, global perspective of trade in plant commodities and the strategies and policies that impact the trade;
- understanding of commercial marketing and trading practices that impact or are impacted by phytosanitary requirements.

[10] The Bureau will decide the membership and make-up of the focus group.

Tasks

[11] The focus group will:

- i. consider the results of the first focus group on commodity and pathway standards, and comments received at CPM-14,
- ii. draft a concept standard on commodity and pathway standards,
- iii. provide further details on processes that will be used to develop Commodity and Pathway standards taking in to account comments from Bureau, SC and IC.

[12] The concept standard would be informed by analysis of practical examples drawn from the following or other options, considering the following:

1. The development and adoption of commodity standards for mango fruit for consumption and chilli seed by the APPPC
2. Other commodity and pathway standards under development or in use
3. The establishment of production systems that enable exports to multiple markets with harmonized import requirements
4. Identifying and describing common elements from existing import/export conditions or protocols for a number of plant products that are widely traded
5. Integrating new measures into existing pathways for new pests (e.g. control measures for *Tuta absoluta*)
6. Replacing existing pest control measures with integrated pest management options for specific or general pests
7. Topics that may be provided in response to the 2018 call for topics for standards and implementation
8. The development of harmonized phytosanitary measures to support the risk management of pests
9. Lessons learnt from previous and current attempts at developing commodity standards through the standard setting process.

Funding

[13] The organization that employs an IPPC meeting participant is responsible for funding the travel and daily subsistence allowance for that person to attend. If the employer is unable to allocate sufficient funds, participants are first encouraged to seek assistance from sources other than the IPPC Secretariat.

[14] Where such demonstrated efforts to secure assistance have been unsuccessful, requests for assistance (i.e. travel and subsistence costs) from the IPPC Secretariat may be made. However, any support is subject to available funds. The IPPC Secretariat will consider funding assistance for participants following IPPC criteria for funding. Full details on these criteria can be found on the IPP

<https://www.ippc.int/publications/criteria-used-prioritizing-participants-receive-travel-assistanceattend-meetings>).

Some references

- CPM-14 papers: <https://www.ippc.int/en/cpm---previous-years/cpm-14/>
- Report of first meeting of the focus group: <https://www.ippc.int/en/publications/87048/>