



Agenda

**EXPERT WORKING GROUP ON SAFE PROVISION OF HUMANITARIAN AID IN
THE PHYTOSANITARY CONTEXT (2021-020)**

23-27 March 2026

Nadi, Fiji

Day	Meeting schedule
Monday 23 March	10.00 am – 5.00 pm
Tuesday – Friday	9.00 am – 5.00 pm
Breaks	
Morning	10:30
Monday Morning	11:00
Lunch	12:00-13:00
Afternoon	14:30

Meeting documents: [Restricted Work Area](#) (log in required)

PROVISIONAL AGENDA

(Last update: 2026-02-08)

Agenda Item	Document No.	Presenter
1. Opening of the Meeting		
Welcoming ceremony		Hosts
Welcome by the IPPC Secretariat		MOREIRA
Welcome by the host:		
- Pacific Plant Protection Organisation (PPPO)	-	GOSAI
- National Plant Protection Organization (NPPO) of Fiji		DATT
Introductions		Participants
1.2 Presentation of the IPPC standard setting process	Presentation Video IPPC Standard Setting Process	MOREIRA / MARTINO
1.3 Roles of the Participants (IPPC Procedure Manual for Standard Setting)	Presentation IPPC Procedure Manual for EWGs	MOREIRA / MARTINO
2. Meeting Arrangements	-	
2.1 Selection of the Chairperson	-	Secretariat
2.2 Selection of the Rapporteur	-	Chairperson
2.3 Adoption of the Agenda	01_EWG_SafeAid_2026_Mar	Chairperson
3. Administrative Matters	-	
3.1 Documents list	02_EWG_SafeAid_2026_Mar	IPPC Secretariat
3.2 Participants list	03_EWG_SafeAid_2026_Mar	IPPC Secretariat

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3.3	Local information	04_EWG_SafeAid_2026_Mar	Local hosts (GOSAI / DATT)
4.	Review of Specification		
4.1	Review of Specification 77 - Safe provision of humanitarian aid in the phytosanitary context (2021-020)	Specification 77 - Safe provision of humanitarian aid in the phytosanitary context" (2021-020)	SC Steward (PETTERSON / IPPC Secretariat)
4.2	Steward's considerations	XX_EWG_SafeAid_2026_Mar	PETTERSON
5.	Review of background information and discussion papers¹	–	Chairperson
5.1	CPM Recommendation R-09 "Safe provision of food and other humanitarian aid to prevent the introduction of plant pests during an emergency situation"	Link to CPM Recommendation R-09	IPPC Secretariat/ SC Steward (PETTERSON)
5.2	IPPC Video on Safe Provision of Food and Other Humanitarian Aid	Link to the IPPC video on Safe Provision of Food and Other Humanitarian Aid ²	IPPC Secretariat
5.3	CPM Focus Group on Safe Provision of Food and Other Humanitarian Aid – Reports to CPM	Link to Focus Group Humanitarian Aid Page CPM 2023/16 CPM 2024/23 CPM 2025/29 CPM 2026/22	IPPC Secretariat/ SC Steward (PETTERSON)
5.4	10 Guiding Principles for Good Seed Aid Practice	Link to 10 Guiding Principles of Seed Aid Link to Video	
5.5	Etherton, B.A., Choudhury, R.A., Alcalá Briseño, R.I., Mouafo-Tchinda, R.A., Plex Sulá, A.I., Choudhury, M., Adhikari, A., et al. 2024. Disaster plant pathology: smart solutions for threats to global plant health from natural and human-driven disasters. <i>Phytopathology</i> , 114(5): 855–868.	https://doi.org/10.1094/PHYTO-03-24-0079-FI	
5.6	Hodges, R. 2009. Insect infestation in food aid: phytosanitary risks and responses. Presentation to the Ninth Session of the Commission on Phytosanitary Measures, 30 March to 3 April 2009, Rome Italy.	https://www.ippc.int/en/core-activities/governance/cpm/scientific-sessions-during-commission-phytosanitary-measures/2009-food-aid/	
5.7	Indonesian Agriculture Quarantine Agency. 2009. Pest movement by food aid shipment: Indonesia's experience. Presentation to the Ninth Session of the Commission on Phytosanitary Measures, 30 March to 3 April 2009, Rome Italy.	https://www.ippc.int/en/core-activities/governance/cpm/scientific-sessions-during-commission-phytosanitary-measures/2009-food-aid/	

¹ Additional reference material is provided in the Specification 77.

² To be released soon.

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5.8	Murphy, S.T. & Cheesman, O.D. 2006. The aid trade: international assistance programs as pathways for the introduction of invasive alien species – A preliminary report. Environment Department Working Papers, No. 109. Biodiversity series. Washington, DC, World Bank. 40 pp. Licence: CC BY 3.0 IGO	https://hdl.handle.net/10986/1838	
5.9	Sperling, L. & McGuire, S.J. 2010. Persistent myths about emergency seed aid. Food Policy, 35(3): 195–201. https://doi.org/10.1016/j.foodpol.2009.12.004 .	(Also available at: https://seedsystem.org/wp-content/uploads/2014/03/Myths-in-emergency-seed-aid.pdf).	
5.10	Adopted ISPMs <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ISPM 20. 2023. Guidelines for a phytosanitary import regulatory system. IPPC Secretariat. Rome, FAO. https://www.ippc.int/en/publications/602/ ISPM 32. 2016. Categorization of commodities according to their pest risk. IPPC Secretariat. Rome, FAO. Adopted 2009. https://www.ippc.int/en/publications/587/ ISPM 41. 2019. International movement of used vehicles, machinery and equipment. IPPC Secretariat. Rome, FAO. Adopted 2017. https://www.ippc.int/en/publications/84343/ 	Link to adopted ISPMs	
5.5	Discussion paper	[provided by IPPC contracting parties, RPPOs and members of the EWG]	
5.6	Discussion paper		
5.7	Discussion paper		
5.8	Discussion paper		
(...)	Discussion paper (...)		
6.	Development of text for the draft annex to ISPM 23		Chairperson / Steward
	<i>Reference documents:</i>		
	- <i>IPPC Style Guide and annotated templates (particularly Part 1, sections 2, 3 and 5)</i>	Link to the IPPC Style Guide	
	- <i>ISPM 5 (Glossary of phytosanitary terms)</i>	Link to ISPM 5	
	- <i>Guidelines for a consistent ISPM terminology (Section 3.3.2 of the IPPC Procedure Manual for Standard Setting)</i>	Link to the IPPC Procedure Manual for Standard Setting (2024-2025)	
6.1	Brainstorming session to draft the ISPM on Safe provision of humanitarian aid in the phytosanitary context (2021-020)	-	Chairperson / All
6.2	Elaboration of the text of the draft ISPM on Safe provision of humanitarian aid in the phytosanitary context (2021-020)	Link to the Annotated template for draft ISPMs	Chairperson / All
6.3	Tasks in the Specification 77	Specification 77 - Safe provision of humanitarian aid in the phytosanitary context" (2021-020)	Chairperson / All

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1. Identify and describe the disruption to the core import functions for the safe importation of regulated articles that the NPPO of the recipient country is unable to perform (e.g. PRA, inspection, treatments, communication of phytosanitary import requirements) because of human-induced or natural disaster, requiring implementation of this standard.	-	-
2. Identify the types of regulated articles (e.g. bulk grain, shelter material, building materials, heavy equipment) frequently moved as humanitarian aid, including types of packaging.	-	-
3. Categorize regulated articles identified in task 2 according to their pest risk and considering ISPM 32 (<i>Categorization of commodities according to their pest risk</i>).	-	
4. Identify and group pests of concern that have similar characteristics and may be associated with the identified types or categories of regulated articles (from tasks 2 and 3).	-	-
5. Identify feasible pest risk management options (including references to existing ISPMs where applicable), for those pest groups identified in task 4 and the types and categories types identified in tasks 2 and 3, that could be implemented along the aid supply chain and so provide a level of protection to the recipient country when this standard is in use.	-	-
6. Develop an additional declaration for use on phytosanitary certificates.	-	-
7. Identify the impacts that transport, storage and consolidation in a hub may have on the integrity of the types or categories of regulated articles (from task 2). Describe how, in addition to following the guidance of ISPM 20 (Guidelines for a phytosanitary import regulatory system), these impacts could be addressed along the disaster-relief pathway (e.g. secure packaging, segregation).	-	-
8. Develop descriptions of the roles and responsibilities of NPPOs (of origin, transit and recipient countries) and humanitarian aid agencies with regard to minimization of pest risk along the disaster-relief pathway.	-	-
9. Consider the guidelines from the World Organisation for Animal Health, the Codex Alimentarius Commission, the World Customs Organization, other United Nations agencies and other relevant conventions (e.g. Food Assistance Convention and Geneva Convention) that have a role in the safe provision of humanitarian aid.	-	-

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	10. Regarding situations where the NPPO of the recipient (or transit) country is unable to fulfil its core import functions (e.g. PRA, inspection, treatments, communication of phytosanitary import requirements) and requests assistance, consider mechanisms (e.g. mutual cooperative arrangements) for other NPPOs to provide these functions when this standard is in use.	-	-
	11. Consider whether the ISPM could affect in a specific way (positively or negatively) the protection of biodiversity and the environment. If this is the case, the impact should be identified, addressed and clarified in the draft ISPM.	-	-
	12. Consider implementation of the standard by contracting parties and identify potential operational and technical implementation issues. Provide information and possible recommendations on these issues to the Standards Committee.	-	-
7.	Any Other Business	-	Chairperson
8.	Meeting survey	Survey link	IPPC Secretariat
9.	Close of the Meeting	-	IPPC Secretariat / Chairperson