

Draft ISPM: Movement of growing media in association with plants for planting in international trade (2005-004)

IPPC Member Consultation

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Background

- SC recommended topic in November 2004
- ICPM-7 (2005) added topic
- SC approved Specification 43 in May 2007
- EWG drafted text in June 2010

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- SC reviewed the draft ISPM in May 2011 and returned it to steward for further review in consultation with a small group of SC members
- Steward revised draft ISPM and submitted it in January 2013
- SC revised and approved for member consultation the draft ISPM in May 2013

General Considerations

Soil and other growing media accompanying plants for planting in international trade are recognized as high risk pathways for the introduction of regulated pests.

There is a need for guidelines to recommend measures to avoid or minimize the risk of introduction of pests with such movement of growing media

Drafting Issues (1)

- A definition of “soil”, was proposed by the EWG. SC thought such a definition was useful and proposed it as a specific definition limited to this ISPM (i.e. not to be transferred to ISPM 5- Glossary)
- SC discussed the wording of the concept “degree of geographical similarity of, or distance between, country of origin and country of import” as a factor that may affect pest risk (section 4 in the draft ISPM)

Drafting Issues (2)

Appendix 2 : *Indicative list of pests that may be of concern with respect to the movement of growing media accompanying plants for planting*

- Is such a list useful as part of the ISPM?
- How extensive should it be?
- To which taxonomic entities should the pests be specified or should more general nomenclature be used?

Other relevant information

SC considered whether the draft could be an annex to an existing ISPM, but concluded it should stay a separate ISPM