

# Changes to the IPPC Standard Setting Process and CPM-7 (2012) recommendations

2012 Regional Workshops to  
review Draft ISPMs



# Background (1)

- CPM-6 (2011) recommended a focus group (FG) meet to provide recommendations on improving the standard setting process
- The FG met in July 2011 and developed 30 recommendations
- The SPTA (October 2011) and SC (November 2011) reviewed the FG recommendations and provided additional comments and recommendations

## Background (2)

- CPM-7 (2012) reviewed the comments from the FG, SPTA and SC and developed 24 CPM decisions on improving the standard setting process
- The IPPC Secretariat has incorporated the 24 CPM decisions into the standard setting process
- The CPM decisions will be implemented over the course of two years, and reviewed at CPM-9 (2014)

# Step 1: Call for Topics

## Before

IPPC members and Technical Panels (TPs) submit detailed proposals for new topics or for the revision of existing ISPMs to the IPPC Secretariat

## Now

*No change*

Submissions for topics should be accompanied with a draft specification, a literature review and justification that the proposed topic meets the CPM-approved criteria for topics and IPPC strategic framework

To indicate a broader need for the proposed topic, submitters are encouraged to gain support from other IPPC members and/or regions

SPTA reviews the List of topics (LT)

List of topics (LT) no longer presented to the SPTA. Instead, the SC will justify and prioritize



## Step 2: Adoption of the List of Topics

### Before

The CPM reviews the List of topics (LT) for IPPC standards recommended by the SC.  
The CPM adjusts and adopts the List of topics for IPPC standards, including assigning a priority for each topic

### Now

*No change*

The revised LT for IPPC standards is made available in the CPM report

LT made available on the IPP in languages (no longer in CPM report)

## Step 3: Development of a Specification (1)

### Before

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One steward is assigned

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The steward drafts the specification

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The SC reviews the draft specification and approves it for member consultation (MC)

### Now

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The SC is encouraged to assign a lead steward and one or two assistants for each topic

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The steward(s) reviews and revises the draft specification and literature review that were submitted in response to the call for topics

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*No change*



## Step 3: Development of a Specification (2)

### Before

Once the SC approves the draft specification for member consultation (MC), the Secretariat makes it publicly available and notifies IPPC members. The length of MC for draft specifications is 60 days. The IPPC contact point submits comments to the Secretariat using the IPPC Online Comment System (OCS)

### Now

*No change*

The Secretariat compiles the comments received, makes them publicly available and submits them to the steward(s) and SC for consideration. The specification is revised and approved by the SC and made publicly available

*No change*

## Step 4: Preparation of a draft ISPM

### Before

An expert drafting group (EDG, expert working group (EWG) or technical panel (TP)) drafts or revises the draft ISPM in accordance with the specification. The resulting draft ISPM is recommended to the SC

### Now

*No change*

The SC reviews the draft ISPM and decides whether to approve it for member consultation, to return it to the steward(s) or an EDG or to put it on hold

*No change*



## Step 5: Member consultation for draft ISPMs

### Before

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Once the SC approves the draft ISPM for member consultation (MC), the Secretariat makes it publicly available and notifies IPPC members. The length of MC for draft ISPMs is 100 days (20 June to 30 Sept). The IPPC contact point submits comments to the Secretariat using the IPPC Online Comment System (OCS)

The Secretariat compiles the comments received, makes them publicly available and submits them to the steward(s) for consideration. The steward(s) reviews the comments, prepares responses to the comments, revises the draft ISPM and submits them to the Secretariat. These are made available to the SC

### Now

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Beginning in 2013, the length of MC for draft ISPMs will be 150 days (1 July to 1 December)

*\*To allow one year of transition, in 2012, the length of MC for draft ISPMs is 110 days (1 July to 20 October)*

*No Change*

## Step 6: Review of draft ISPM prior to CPM (1)

### Before

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Taking the comments from member consultation (MC) into account, the SC-7 or TP (for DPs or PTs) revises the draft ISPM and recommends the draft ISPM to the SC

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Once the SC-7 or TP recommends the draft ISPM to the SC, the Secretariat makes it available to IPPC members. Comments should be submitted to the SC members in the IPPC member's region

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### Now

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Once the SC-7 or TP recommends the draft ISPM to the SC, the Secretariat makes it available to IPPC members for the substantial concerns commenting period (SCCP) and notifies IPPC members

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## Step 6: Review of draft ISPM prior to CPM (2)

### Before

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Part of the commenting period ending 14 days prior to the CPM meeting

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The length of the SCCP for draft ISPMs is 120 days and IPPC members should focus their comments on substantial concerns. The IPPC contact point submits the comments to the Secretariat using the OCS. The SC members should review comments submitted from their region and identify the comments deemed to be most important to the steward(s), accompanied by suggestions on how to address them

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Part of the commenting period ending 14 days prior to the CPM meeting

The steward(s) reviews the comments, prepares responses to the comments, revises the draft ISPM and submits them to the Secretariat. These are made available to the SC and the draft ISPM is made available to IPPC members

## Step 6: Review of draft ISPM prior to CPM (3)

### Before

The SC reviews the comments, the steward(s)' responses to the comments and the revised draft ISPM. The SC decides whether to recommend the draft ISPM to the CPM, or to put it on hold, return it to the steward(s) or an EDG or submit it for another round of member consultation

### Now

*No change*

Once the SC recommends the draft ISPM to the CPM for adoption, the Secretariat makes the draft ISPM available in languages as soon as possible and at least six weeks prior to the opening of the CPM meeting

*No change*

## Step 7: Adoption (1)

### Before

Once the SC recommends the draft ISPM to the CPM for adoption, the Secretariat makes it available to IPPC members for the commenting period ending 14 days prior to the CPM meeting and notifies IPPC members. The IPPC contact point submits the comments to the Secretariat using the OCS. The Secretariat compiles the comments and they are made available as a CPM meeting document

If the draft ISPM had been previously included on the agenda of the CPM meeting and was subjected to a formal objection, the SC may decide to forward the draft ISPM to the CPM for a vote with no option for a formal objection

### Now

All draft ISPMs presented to the CPM are subject to a formal objection. If no formal objection is received, the CPM should adopt the ISPM without discussion. If a formal objection is received, the draft ISPM is returned to the SC

*No change*



## Step 7: Adoption (2)

### Before

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Two or more evening sessions at the CPM meeting are held, at which the contracting parties (CPs) meet to revise the draft ISPM to address all the comments received 14 days prior to the CPM meeting

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CPM adopts Diagnostic Protocols (DPs) at their annual meeting

### Now

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There is no drafting of ISPMs during the CPM meeting. Therefore, no more evening sessions to revise the draft ISPMs

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For DPs, the CPM has delegated its authority to the SC to adopt DPs on its behalf. Once the SC approves the DP, the Secretariat makes it available and CPs are notified. CPs have 45 days to review the SC approved DP and submit a formal objection. If no formal objection is received, the SC, on behalf of the CPM, adopts the DP. DPs adopted through this process are noted by the CPM at their annual meeting



## Step 7: Adoption (3)

### Before

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CPM adopts Diagnostic Protocols (DPs) and revisions to DPs at their annual meeting

### Now

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When a technical revision is required for an adopted DP, the SC can adopt the updates to adopted DPs via electronic means. The revised DPs shall be made publicly available as soon as the SC adopts them. DPs revised through this process are noted by the CPM at their annual meeting

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## Step 8: Publication

### Before

The adopted ISPM is made publicly available and noted in the report of the CPM meeting

IPPC members may form a Language Review Group (LRG) and, following the CPM-agreed LRG process, may propose modifications to translations of adopted ISPMs to be noted at the following CPM meeting

### Now

*No change*

*No change*

# Other CPM Decisions

- A task force should be formed to develop a Framework for Standards
- The SC should develop guidance on developing the capacities of new SC members, such as mentoring
- SC members of a region can consider assigning one member in the region to facilitate communications in the region
- New Statement of commitment adds signature of in-line managers