

Avoiding Formal Objections through active participation in the Standard Setting Process

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A draft ISPM is recommended for adoption.

<https://www.ippc.int/en/core-activities/governance/cpm/>



➤ Draft ISPMs recommended for adoption

- The SC reviews and revises draft ISPMs, those that are ready, are recommended for adoption
- Draft ISPM are made available to Contracting Parties:
 - at least six weeks before the CPM meeting or
 - When DPs are submitted to the DP Notification Period
- All draft ISPMs recommended for adoption are subject to a **Formal Objection**



What is a Formal Objection?

- A Formal Objection is a technically supported objection to the adoption of a draft standard in its current form
 - Only Contracting Parties may make a Formal Objections
 - IPPC Secretariat is informed through the official IPPC contact point of the Contracting Party

Use a Formal Objection as a last resort, avoid at all cost!

- The IPPC Standard Setting Process is one of the most inclusive and transparent standard setting processes in the world
 - Multi year standard setting process
 - Many opportunities to provide input
 - Many resources have been poured into the development of a draft ISPM from contracting parties, RPPOs, the IPPC Secretariat, etc.

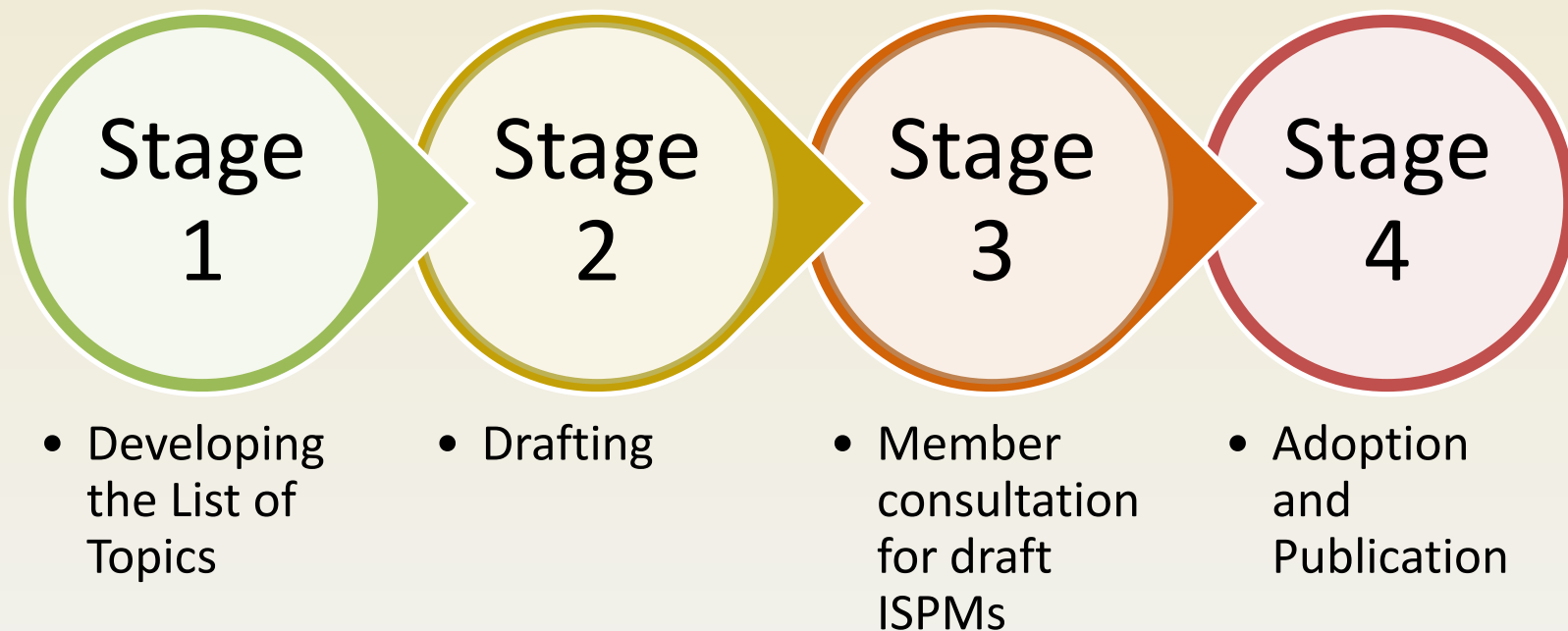
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- Submitting a formal object, at the very last stage, stops the adoption process and should only be used as a **last resort!**
- A Formal Objection should be presented in accordance with the approved procedures

(see section 2.3.3 “Formal objections” (page 25) in the 2014 Standard Setting Procedure Manual:

https://www.ippc.int/static/media/files/publications/en/2014/12/03/ippcproceduremanual_stset_2014-12-03.pdf

Many ways to participate in the IPPC Standard Setting Process



Contribute

- In all stages of the Standard Setting process contracting parties can participate by:

Submitting a topic

Providing comments during consultations

Nominating experts

Reading compiled comments and understanding SC responses to them

Reading SC reports and discussing issues with SC members

Participating in the DP Expert Consultations

Submitting discussion papers

➤ **Process for submitting a Formal Objection**

Formal Objection should be:

- Submitted to the IPPC Secretariat:
 - 14 days prior to the CPM or,
 - for DPs, prior to the end of the 45 day DP Notification Period
- Accompanied by a technical justification and
- Accompanied by suggestions for improvement

Draft ISPM submitted for adoption

Draft ISPM



No FO submitted?

✓ ISPM is adopted without discussion

FO submitted?

✗ Further considerations

Further considerations



- Secretariat does not make any judgement about the validity of the Formal Objection
- In exceptional circumstances, the CPM Chair, in consultation with SC Chair and Secretariat, can propose a discussion on the Formal Objection at the CPM, with the aim that it can be lifted and the ISPM be adopted
- Otherwise the draft ISPM is returned to the SC

Further considerations (Cont.)

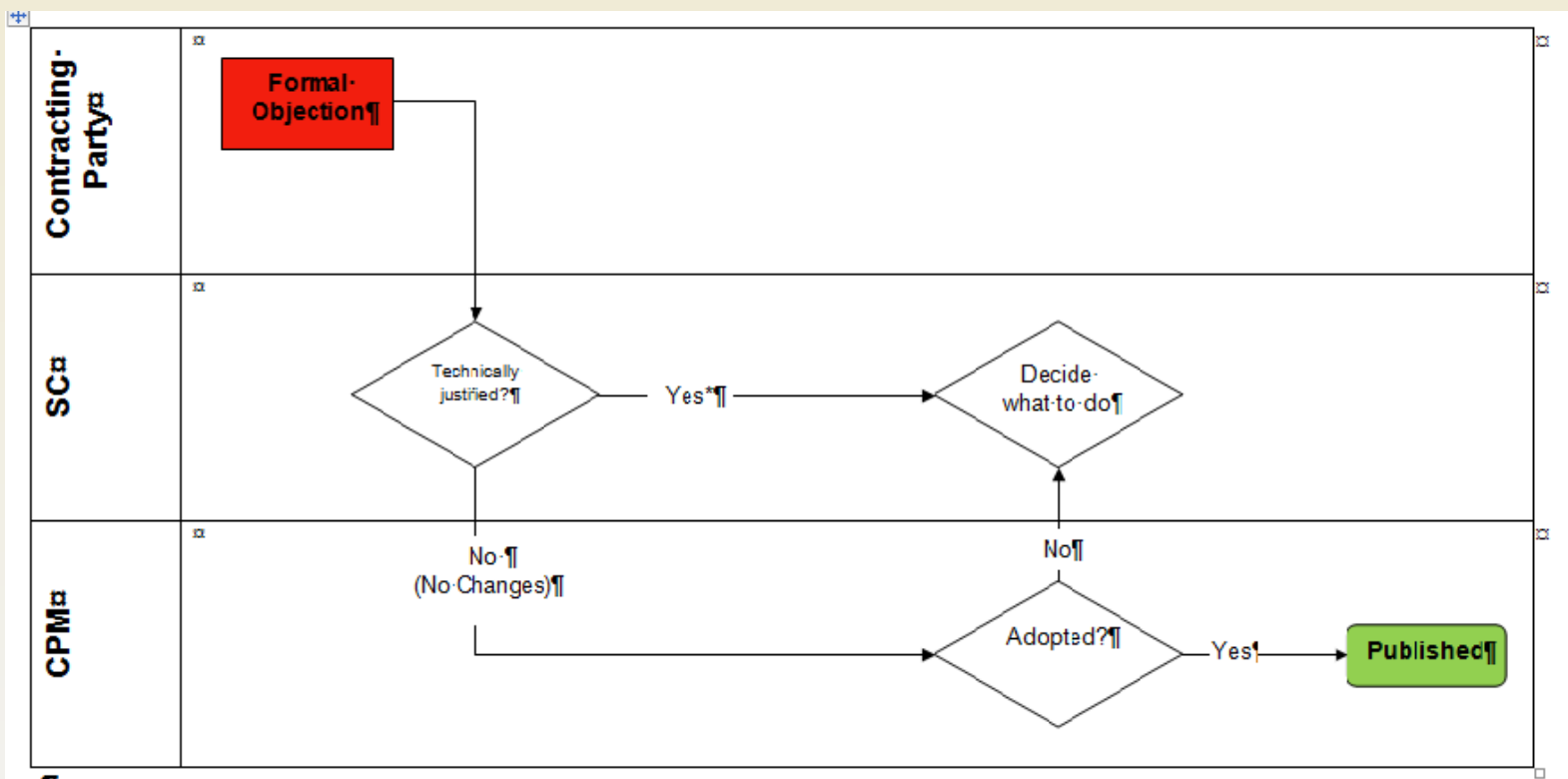


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- SC, using criteria adopted by CPM, determines if the Formal Objection is technically justified and decides the next steps following a step wise approach (see next slide flow chart)
- SC may decide to forward (return) the draft ISPM to the CPM for a vote with no option for a formal objection if the draft ISPM had been previously included on the agenda of the CPM

Further considerations (Cont.)



Process for determining if a formal objection is technically justified for draft ISPMs



Conclusion

- **A Contracting Party, after making all efforts to contribute to the development of a draft ISPM, may submit a Formal Objection if they feel that technical concerns have not been addressed adequately**

Standard Setting calendar (consultation periods 2015-2016)

01 Jun 2015	30 Sep 2015	Substantial Concerns Commenting Period (SCCP)	
01 Jul 2015	30 Nov 2015	Member consultation on draft ISPMs	
01 Jul 2015	15 Aug 2015		Notification Period for Diagnostic Protocols
15 Dec 2015	30 Jan 2016		Notification Period for Diagnostic Protocols
20 Dec 2015	20 Feb 2016	Member consultation on draft specifications for ISPMs	
01 Feb 2016	30 June 2016		Member Consultation for draft Diagnostic Protocols
01 Jun 2016	31 Jul 2016	Member consultation on draft specifications for ISPMs	
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Thank you!

More info: <https://www.ippc.int/core-activities/standards-setting>