



AMENDMENT TO THE GLOSSARY OF PHYTOSANITARY TERMS

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Deletion of term and definition:

beneficial organism

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Present definition

- beneficial organism – Any organism directly or indirectly advantageous to plants or plant products, including biological control agents [ISPM No. 3, 2005]





Considerations 1

- This term is one of the specific terms used in ISPM No. 3 *Guidelines for the export, shipment, import and release of biological control agents and other beneficial organisms.*
- ISPM 7 asked the TPG to review the terms of the revised ISPM No. 3 (previously the *Code of conduct for the import and release of exotic biological control agents*)
- Hence, “biological control” and “biological control agent” were considered along with “beneficial organism”





A proposed definition

- It was suggested that “sterile insects” be added to “biological control”
- This was not deemed appropriate so the addition of “sterile insects” to “beneficial organism” was considered instead
- The resulting definition was:

Beneficial organism – Any organism directly or indirectly advantageous to plants or plant products, including biological control agents and sterile insects





The deletion of the term “biological control”

- Subsequent discussions of the TPG and Standards Committee concluded with the proposal for the deletion of the term “biological control” from the Glossary
- This was because the term “biological control agent” was defined and thus a further definition was not needed
- This was adopted by CPM 2.





Further considerations

- The new definition of “beneficial organism” was presented to CPM 3. After some discussion it was apparent that there were still concerns over this term and definition.
- It was suggested that the TPG have a further examination of this term in particular considering its maintenance in the Glossary.
- The TPG proposed to the SC that the term be deleted because of the continued lack of agreement with the term and definition and that fact that it is fairly well understood term.





Amendment to the Glossary of phytosanitary terms

- It is proposed that the term “beneficial organism” and the definition:
“Any organism directly or indirectly advantageous to plants or plant products, including biological control agents”
be deleted from the Glossary.

