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I. Introduction

1. CPM Recommendations have been adopted by the Commission on Phytosanitary Measures (CPM) for many years.

2. A contracting party (CP) or the IPPC Secretariat, following the CPM Recommendations process², may propose a topic for a CPM Recommendation and present it to the CPM. An initial draft of the proposed CPM Recommendation and the rationale or justification for its need should be presented to the CPM for consideration through the IPPC Secretariat (ippc@fao.org) no later than 21 February 2017.

II. Review of CPM Recommendations

3. Currently there are nine adopted CPM Recommendations which are posted on the IPP³:

- 1) CPM Recommendation concerning Information Exchange
- 2) CPM Recommendations concerning LMOs, Biosecurity and Alien Invasive Species

¹ This document was revised in section II, paragraph 3.

² CPM Recommendations process: <https://www.ippc.int/en/core-activities/governance/cpm/cpm-recommendations-1/cpm-recommendations/recommendations-procedure/>

³ CPM Recommendations: <https://www.ippc.int/en/core-activities/governance/cpm/cpm-recommendations-1/cpm-recommendations-1/>

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- 3) Threats to Biodiversity posed by Alien Species: Actions within the Framework of the IPPC
 - 4) The Role of IPPC Contact Points
 - 5) Replacement or reduction of the use of methyl bromide as a phytosanitary measure
 - 6) IPPC Coverage of Aquatic Plants
 - 7) Internet Trade (E-Commerce) in Plants and other Regulated Articles
 - 8) Sea Containers
 - 9) Importance of pest diagnosis
4. These CPM Recommendations have been posted in HTML on the IPP in English but were available in languages in the CPM reports, which are also posted on the International Phytosanitary Portal (IPP – www.ippc.int).
5. As requested by CPM-5 (2010), the IPPC Secretariat has reviewed and revised the CPM Recommendations with a view to updating them, to ensure consistency and clarity. In addition, some were outdated as they targeted the development of specific standards that have since been adopted, or referred to documents that have since been published or are no longer relevant (e.g. the CPM Recommendations concerning Information Exchange and the Role of IPPC Contact Points have been superseded by new CPM decisions). Yet others contained tasks for the IPPC Secretariat or for the Bureau, most of which have since been actioned.
6. It should be noted that the CPM Recommendations concerning Information Exchange and the Role of IPPC Contact Points have been superseded by CPM-10 (2015) (Report: Agenda point 12 NRO, paragraph 113) and these are therefore not presented.
7. During the review, the Secretariat found that the changes proposed to the CPM Recommendations may be considered as ink amendments as they do not constitute changes to the sense, except for the cases where changes were essential to ensure the CPM Recommendations were correct and usable.
8. In addition, during the SPG 2016 meeting, CPM Recommendations were again discussed and a process was approved whereby it was agreed that the CPM Bureau should review and approved the detailed ink amendments.
9. The main changes that will be implemented in all the CPM Recommendations have been agreed to by the CPM Bureau and are summarized in Attachment 1 to this paper. The revised CPM Recommendations, will be numbered consecutively (R-01 to R-07). The CPM Bureau at their virtual meeting in December 2016 reviewed the proposed detailed ink amendments and approved them. The SPG also proposed changes to the format (Attachment 2 to this paper) and, as requested by CPM-10 (2015), the SPG reviewed the previously proposed criteria for CPM Recommendations, revised them and recommends them to CPM (Attachment 3 to this paper).
10. The CPM Recommendations will be published following FAO/IPPC Secretariat standards and a cover page will be prepared that will indicate the title, year of adoption and language version (this will be implemented in the language versions are resources permit).
11. If agreed, the Bureau approved detailed ink amendments will be incorporated into the CPM Recommendations, the revised versions will be posted on the IPP in languages and the previous versions revoked.

III. Decisions

12. The CPM is invited to:
- 1) *discuss and agree* to the need for any proposal for a new CPM Recommendation.

- 2) *revoke* the following two CPM Recommendations concerning 1) Information Exchange and 2) the Role of IPPC Contact Points as they have been superseded by CPM-10 (2015) decisions (Report: Agenda point 12 NRO, paragraph 113).
- 3) *note* the CPM Bureau reviewed and approved ink amendments to CPM Recommendations and request the IPPC Secretariat to incorporate them into the CPM Recommendations, post the CPM Recommendations in all languages on the IPP, and revoke previous versions of the CPM Recommendations.
- 4) *agree* to the revised format of CPM Recommendations (presented in Annex XX to the CPM Report, Attachment 2 to this paper) and request the IPPC Secretariat to post it on the IPP, and revoke the previous version.
- 5) *agree* to the CPM Recommendations criteria (presented in Annex XX to the CPM Report, Attachment 3 to this paper) and request the IPPC Secretariat to annex them to the CPM Recommendation procedure and post them on the IPP.

Attachment 1**A brief summary of ink amendments approved by the CPM Bureau to CPM recommendations**

1. For all CPM Recommendations, where applicable, the following changes will be made:
 - 1) All will be numbered in the following manner: R (for CPM Recommendation) - number.
 - 2) All CPM Recommendations will include front matter (disclaimer and copyright information) together with a publication history outlining the major steps of the document. Publication and adoption information will be moved to the publication history and deleted from the CPM Recommendation.
 - 3) All acronyms will be spelled out at first mention and hereafter acronyms have been used.
 - 4) ICPM will be changed to CPM at first mention (written out), and “Commission” hereafter.
 - 5) “ICPM members” will be changed to “contracting parties and NPPOs”.
 - 6) “IPPC Recommendation” will be changed to “CPM Recommendation”.
 - 7) CPM Recommendations for the development of standards that have since been adopted will be removed as they are no longer relevant.
 - 8) CPM Recommendations directed at the Secretariat and the CPM Bureau will be removed or modified when the CPM Recommendation is no longer relevant.

Attachment 2**Proposed format for CPM recommendations**

(Originally adopted by CPM-4 (2009))

1. CPM Recommendation: R-XX
 - Title: A title which provides an indication of the subject matter, e.g. Role of IPPC contact points
 - Background: Information to provide context and a reference to the CPM report paragraph and appendix where the decision was made and the adopted text can be found.
 - Addressed to: Contracting parties, National / Regional Plant Protection Organizations or other organization or a combination of these, depending on the subject matter.
 - CPM Recommendation: The text of the CPM Recommendation should have action verbs, such as note, agree, decide, urge in the part of the CPM Recommendation which enunciates it. It may have subheadings to indicate a separation between different elements of the CPM Recommendation, as appropriate.

2. CPM Recommendation(s) superseded by the above: The CPM Recommendation should identify when a previous CPM Recommendation or decision is superseded and/or replaced by the present one or should state that the CPM Recommendation was revoked and provide the reference to the former CPM Recommendation.

Attachment 3**Proposed Criteria for CPM Recommendations**

1. The following are the main criteria to be considered when reviewing proposed topics for CPM Recommendations:

- In all cases, the proposed topic should address issues that fit within the legal framework of the Convention, its International Standards for Phytosanitary Measures (ISPMs), or strategic goals.
- And as much as possible, the proposed topic should:
- address important issues related to plant health, either to promote action on a specific phytosanitary issue or to address a more generalized issue.
- be relevant to the needs of the contracting parties, or at least a majority of the parties.
- cover issues or actions that contracting parties or national or regional plant protection organizations have some influence, authority or competence to address.
- offer “guidance” that is not possible or appropriate to offer, at the moment, in the form of a standard.
- provide practical guidance and support for improving the implementation of a specific ISPM or set of ISPMs.