



## SPECIFICATION

# TP 3 Technical Panel on Phytosanitary Treatments

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### **Title**

Technical Panel on Phytosanitary Treatments (2004-005).

### **Reason for the technical panel**

ICPM-6 (2004) identified the need for the formation of a technical panel on treatments.

### **Scope and purpose**

The Technical Panel on Phytosanitary Treatments (TPPT) will be involved in issues relating to phytosanitary treatments, including collecting and reviewing them and recommending their use internationally.

### **Tasks**

- (1) Identify, collect and evaluate information on existing phytosanitary treatments that are needed for regulated pests and regulated articles and may be implemented at global level.
- (2) If appropriate, recommend to the Standards Committee (SC) when a new call for treatments within an existing topic on the IPPC work programme is required.
- (3) When evaluating treatment submissions, prioritize the work as directed by the SC and using the criteria developed by the TPPT.
- (4) Evaluate treatment submissions against requirements in ISPM 28.
- (5) Review adopted phytosanitary treatments and recommend updates as needed.
- (6) Recommend draft treatments to the SC for adoption through the special process.
- (7) Respond, if needed, to biennial calls for submission for topics to be included in the standard setting work programme.
- (8) Develop draft ISPMs and/or annexes to existing ISPMs on topics relating to phytosanitary treatments as directed by the SC.
- (9) Provide advice to the steward, the SC and the IPPC Secretariat on appropriate responses to member comments relating to phytosanitary treatments.
- (10) Provide advice to the SC on subjects, topics and priorities for technical standard development relating to phytosanitary treatments and identify areas where further research on treatments is needed.
- (11) In drafting an ISPM, consider whether the new standard could affect in a specific way (positively or negatively) the protection of biodiversity and the environment, and if so, the impact should be identified, addressed and clarified in the draft standard.

- (12) Consider implementation of standards by contracting parties and identify potential operational and technical implementation issues. Provide information and possible recommendations on these issues to the SC.
- (13) In addition, the TPPT may help evaluating basic information on treatments that are submitted for inclusion on the Phytosanitary Resources page.
- (14) Categorize and tag phytosanitary treatments (adopted or included to the Phytosanitary Resources page) for use by an online search tool including identifying target pest, commodity and treatment type.

### **Provision of resources**

Funding for the meeting is provided by the IPPC Secretariat (FAO). As recommended by ICPM-2 (1999), whenever possible, those participating in standard setting activities voluntarily fund their travel and subsistence to attend meetings. Participants may request financial assistance, with the understanding that resources are limited and the priority for financial assistance is given to developing country participants.

### **Collaborator**

To be determined.

### **Steward**

Please refer to the *List of topics for IPPC standards* posted on the IPP (see <https://www.ippc.int/en/core-activities/standards-setting/list-topics-ippc-standards/>).

### **Expertise**

Mixture of treatment researchers and personnel with practical treatment expertise.

### **Participants**

Six to ten. One expert, with relevant expertise in TPPT issues, from the Joint FAO/International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) Division of Nuclear Techniques in Food and Agriculture should be a member.

### **References**

The IPPC, relevant ISPMs and other national, regional and international standards and agreements as may be applicable to the tasks, and discussion papers submitted in relation to this work.

### **Discussion papers**

Participants and interested parties are encouraged to submit discussion papers to the IPPC Secretariat ([ippc@fao.org](mailto:ippc@fao.org)) for consideration by the technical panel.

**Publication history**

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