

# **DRAFT ISPM: Revision of ISPM 8: *Determination of pest status in an area (2009-005)***

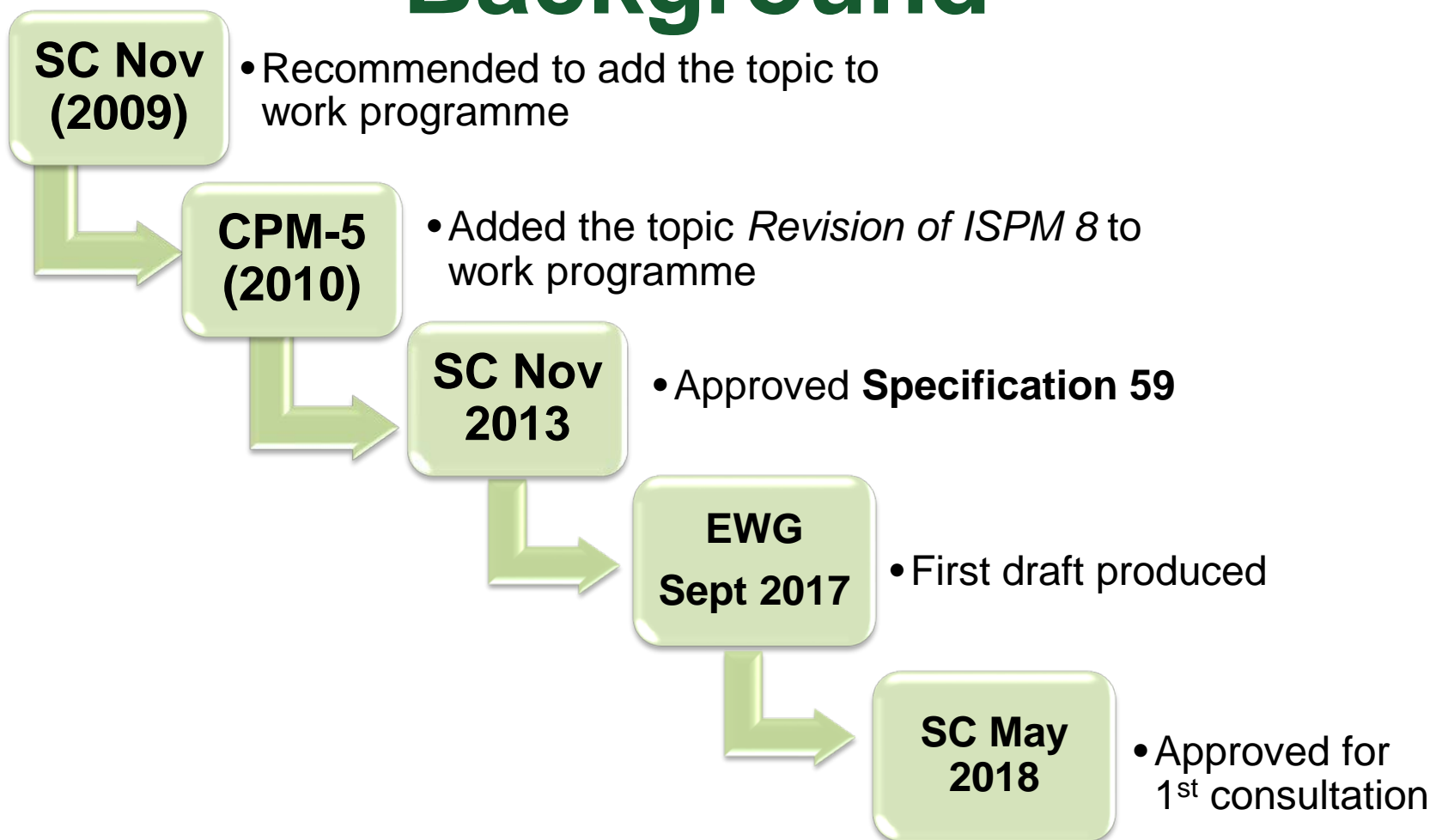
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# Background



# General Considerations

## Reason for the revision

Since adoption of ISPM 8 in 1998, new information and guidance became available, including new ISPMs on pest free areas and revision of ISPM 6 on *Surveillance*



**Pest records** are common elements in these ISPMs



Revised draft ISPM 8 describes the use of pest records and other information to determine pest status in an area

# Scope

This standard describes the use of pest records and other information to determine pest status in an area.

Descriptions of pest status categories are provided, as well as recommendations for good reporting practices.

This standard is not concerned with reporting obligations, but with the quality of information used in determining pest status.

# Outline of Requirements

1. Pest status is determined by the NPPO responsible for the area
2. Guidance on evaluating the reliability of information is provided
3. Sources of uncertainty in determining the pest status in an area are described
4. This draft identifies and describes major categories for pest status
5. It provides guidance to NPPOs on responsibilities and reporting practices for determining and reporting pest status



# Highlights of the revision

Draft describes two main categories for pest status: “Presence” and “Absence” (Tables 1 & 2)

Requirements for information on pest records are aligned with revised ISPM 6 (*Surveillance*)

The ISPM addresses the quality of information in determining pest status but is not concerned with reporting obligations

# Major drafting issues

## Pest categories

- Two categories only: Present and Absent (no transient as a stand alone category, according to ISPM 5 definition)

## Relevant sub-categories

- Each Present and Absent category has seven sub-categories with explanations

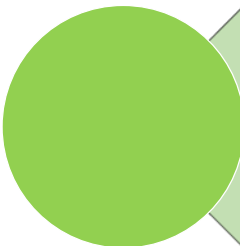
## New requirements

- If no results of general or specific surveillance, or other information are provided to justify absence, the pest status can be considered “undetermined” (in alignment with newly revised ISPM 6)

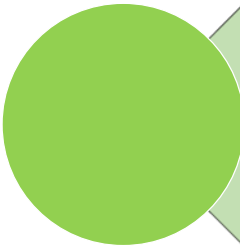
## Quality of information

- Guidance on evaluating sources and quality of information for pest record is provided (Appendix 1).

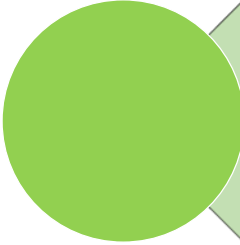
# Other relevant information



The draft provides guidance on interpretation of pest interceptions in relation to pest status in an area



The draft describes different cases where additional information about pest presence under limited conditions might be necessary



Guidance on reliability of information sources used by NPPOs for determining pest status moved to Appendix 1 by the SC



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