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1. The International Seed Federation (ISF) continues to make efforts to promote and raise awareness of ISPM 38 on the international movement of seed. In 2018, ISF created ISPM 38 training materials and provided training at the IPPC Regional workshops in collaboration with the Implementation and Capacity Development Committee (IC) and IPPC Secretariat.
2. ISF continues its efforts to develop and publish new ISF Regulated Pest Lists for seed species that are traded internationally (see <http://www.worldseed.org/our-work/phytosanitary-matters/pest-lists/>), as they serve as a resource for seed companies and to promote science-based phytosanitary requirements for seeds.
3. Seed health tests for seed-as-a-pathway pests developed by ISF's International Seed Health Initiative for Vegetables (ISHI-Veg) are routinely used by the seed industry to prevent the introduction and spread of pests known to be associated with seed. They are being increasingly recognized internationally. They are a part of the quality management practices companies use to protect their seed from exposure to pests and diseases at all stages of seed development, production and commercialization significantly reducing overall pest risk.
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5. The IPPC initiatives on ePhyto are appreciated. The seed industry is of the view that ePhyto will support the harmonization of export and import procedures of plants and plant materials, thereby facilitating trade and reducing transactional costs. As a member of the Industry Advisory Group, ISF completed the first of many case studies to pilot the ePhyto HUB and move seed internationally without the use of a paper certificate. These case studies will be valuable to both industry and NPPOs looking to implement the ePhyto solution.

6. ISF congratulates the IPPC on the UN's adoption of a resolution to declare 2020 as the International Year of Plant Health (IYPH). As a member of the IYPH Steering Committee, ISF is contributing toward the planned activities of 2020 as well as raising awareness of the importance of the IYPH with its membership.

7. ISF supports the proposed Annex to ISPM 38: 2018-009: *ISPM 38 International movement of seeds: Annex 1 - Design and use of systems approaches for phytosanitary certification of seeds*. ISF looks forward to collaboration with the IPPC Community on the development of a global systems approach as an alternative to consignment-by-consignment phytosanitary certification.