



IPPC Secretariat - Standard Setting Unit

2020 tentative work plan

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[1] This paper presents a tentative work plan of the Standard Setting Unit (SSU) of the IPPC Secretariat for 2020. The current SSU staff and their main areas of work are presented in the [linked chart](#)¹. A work plan for the 2020 year was presented to the Standards Committee (SC) in November 2019 in the paper 34_SC_2019_Nov and after further and revisions in consultation with the SC it was made publically available². Reports of the progress of the SSU work plan are delivered at SC meetings.

[2] In summary, the draft documents expected to advance in the IPPC Standard Setting process are³:

First consultation 2020 (01 July - 01 October. 90 days consultation period):

[3] 1 draft CPM recommendation: Reduce the incidence of contaminating pests associated with regulated articles and unregulated goods to protect plant health and facilitate trade.

[4] 5 draft ISPMs: Commodity-based standards for phytosanitary measures, Pest Risk Management, Audits in the phytosanitary context, 2019&2020 Amendments to ISPM 5 and Focused revision of ISPM 12 (“re-export”).

[5] 4 draft PTs: Irradiation treatment for Tortricidae in fruits, Cold treatment for *Thaumatotibia leucotreta* on *Citrus sinensis*, Cold treatment for *Bactrocera zonata* on *Citrus sinensis*, Vapour heat - modified atmosphere treatment for *Cydia pomonella* and *Grapholita molesta* in fruit of *Malus pumila* and *Prunus persica* (2017-038)

Second consultation 2020 (01 July - 01 October. 90 days consultation period):

8 draft PTs: Irradiation treatment for *Bactrocera dorsalis*, Cold treatment for *Ceratitis capitata* on *Prunus avium*, *Prunus domestica* and *Prunus persica*, Cold treatment for *Bactrocera tryoni* on *Prunus avium*, *Prunus domestica* and *Prunus persica*, Cold treatment for *Ceratitis capitata* on *Vitis vinifera*, Cold treatment for *Bactrocera tryoni* on *Vitis vinifera*, Irradiation treatment for *Bactrocera tau*, Irradiation treatment for *Carposina Sasakii*, Irradiation treatment for the genus *Anastrepha*.

Consultation on draft specifications 2020 (01 July – 31 August. 60 days consultation period):

[6] 3 draft specifications: Technical Panel for Commodity Standards (TPCS), Design and use of systems approaches for phytosanitary certification of seeds (Annex to ISPM 38 - International movement of seeds), Criteria for the determination of host status for fruit flies based on available information (Annex to ISPM 37).

[7] A tentative draft list of activities for 2020 is provided below.

Standards Committee (SC) May 2020 (04-08 May 2020, FAO HQ)

Tentative points for agenda:

- **Draft ISPMs for approval for first consultation:**
 1. Draft ISPMs on “audits”

¹ SSU Staff chart: <https://www.ippc.int/en/publications/2463/>

² 2020 SSU Work Plan: <https://www.ippc.int/en/publications/81957/>

³ Please note that the titles of the ISPMs and other topics are abbreviated. For further details please check the *List of topics for IPPC standards* at <https://www.ippc.int/en/core-activities/standards-setting/list-topics-ippc-standards/list>



2. "Pest risk management"
 3. Focused revision of ISPM 12 ("re-export")
 4. ISPM 5 amendments
 5. Draft Commodity Standards (*pending CPM-15 and draft approval*)
- **Draft specifications for approval for first consultation:**
 1. Annex to ISPM 38: systems approaches for seeds
 2. Annex to ISPM 37: determination of fruit flies host status
 3. E-commerce topics (two topics)?
 4. Revision / reorganization of PRA standards? (*pending CPM-15*)
 5. The new Technical Panel on Commodity Standards (TPCS) and work plan directions (*pending CPM-15 and specification approval*)
 - **Technical panels updates and review of work plans / strategic discussions:**
 1. Technical Panel for the Glossary (TPG)
 2. Technical Panel on Phytosanitary Measures (TPPT)
 3. Technical Panel on Diagnostic Protocols (TPDP)
 4. Technical Panel on Forest Quarantine (TPFQ)
 5. Tentative: the new Technical Panel on Commodity Standards (TPCS) and work plan directions (*pending CPM-15*)
 - **CPM-15 follow-ups:**
 1. Commodity standards
 2. Objections to adoption of ISPMs?
 3. E-commerce?
 4. Sea Containers?
 5. CPM Recommendations?
 - **Strategic discussions:**
 1. Standard setting work plan based on the 2020-2030 strategic framework:
 - Standards Committee (SC)
 - Technical Panels (TPs)
 - Expert Working Groups (EWGs)
 - others
 2. Commodity & pathways standards
 - **SC / IC interactions**
 - **International Year of Plant Health (IYPH)**

Standards Committee working group (SC-7) May 2020 (11-15 May 2020, FAO HQ)

Notes: SC November 2019 discussed possible agenda points:

- Review of the Standard setting process: The SC-7 could review the Standard setting process in relation to commodity standards, the new joint call for topics and strategic discussions of the technical panel's work.
- Pest risk analysis / pest risk management standards revision: The SC-7 could continue the discussion on the reorganization and revision of the PRA standards, following the decision of CPM-15 (2020).
- "Authorization of entities": The SC-7 could continue working on this issue following the decision of CPM-15 (2020).
- Pilot "commodity standard": The SC-7 could discuss regional standards that may become commodity standards and start working on a possible pilot commodity (mango had been suggested as a relevant Asia and Pacific Plant Protection Commission standard that is already under development).
- Specifications for new standards: The SC-7 could draft specifications for standards identified as gaps in the Framework for standards and implementation.



Standards Committee November 2020 (16-20 November 2020, FAO HQ)

Tentative points for agenda:

- **Draft ISPMs for approval for recommendation to the Commission on Phytosanitary Measures (CPM-16, 2021) for adoption:**
 1. Commodity standards (*pending CPM-15*)
 2. 5-8 Phytosanitary Treatments (via SC e-decisions)
- **Approvals of draft specifications (from consultation period in 2020):**
 1. Annex to ISPM 38: systems approaches for seeds
 2. Annex to ISPM 37: determination of fruit flies host status
 3. E-commerce topics (two topics)?
 4. Revision / reorganization of PRA standards? (*pending CPM-15*)
 6. The new Technical Panel on Commodity Standards (TPCS) and work plan directions? (*pending CPM-15*)
- **Strategic discussions for recommendation to CPM-16 (2021):**
 1. Standard setting work plan based on the 2020-2030 IPPC strategic framework:
 - Standards Committee (SC)
 - Technical Panels (TPs)
 - Expert Working Groups (EWGs)
 - others
 2. Commodity standards
 3. Call for topics

2020 meetings and other activities

- **Meetings:** SC May, SC-7 (to define agenda), SC Nov
- **Technical Panels (TPs):** TPPT (to work on revision of ISPM 18 + PTs), TPDP, TPG and possible TPCS⁴
- **EWGs:** Defined by the SC (via email discussions between November and December 2019):
 - Import authorization – priority 4
 - Revision of ISPM 4 on PFA – priority 4
- **Other standard setting activities:**
 1. Publication of adopted ISPMs
 2. Ink amendments to adopted ISPMs
 3. Language review groups (LRGs)
- **Other meetings support:**
 1. International Plant Health Conference (International Year of Plant Health - IYPH occasion) (Finland)
 2. APPPC - IPPC International workshop on commodity standards (NZ contribution)
 3. Phytosanitary Measures Research Group (PMRG)
 4. IPPC Regional Workshops
 5. FAO Regional Conferences (in light of IYPH)
- **First consultation on draft ISPMs and CPM Recommendations:**

⁴ TPFQ meeting for 2020 is not foreseen



1. Draft ISPMs on “audits”
 2. “Pest risk management”
 3. Focused revision of ISPM 12 (“re-export”)
 4. 2020 ISPM 5 amendments
 5. 4-5 phytosanitary treatments (PTs)
 6. Concept commodity standard
 7. CPM Recommendation: “contaminating pests”
- **First consultation on draft Specifications:**
 1. Listed above
 2. Technical Panel on commodity standards
 - **Second/third consultation on draft ISPMs:**
 1. None – unless objection received and solved at SC May
 2. 8 PTs from 2019 first consultation
 - **DP Notification period (= adoption period):**
 1. *Tentative: Striga* spp. (01 July – 15 August 2020)
 - **Expert consultations on draft DPs**
 1. Draft diagnostic protocols (DPs): tentative 2-4 drafts

FAO projects (with FAO REU leading the project):

TCP/RER/3705: Support for the enhancement of national plant pest surveillance and phytosanitary certification systems in 6 countries (Armenia, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Georgia, Belarus, Moldova, Macedonia and Ukraine)

ATTACHMENT 1 – STANDARD SETTING 2020 TENTATIVE CALENDAR

For updates, please check the IPPC calendar at <https://www.ippc.int/en/year/calendar/>

Date	Activity	Venue	Category
24 February 2020	Objection period for adoption of ISPMs closure ("6 weeks prior")	-	Governance
02 March 2020	Posting draft ISPMs to SC May (available to CPs and SC)	-	Governance
24-27 March	CPM Bureau	Rome, IT (FAO HQ)	Governance
30 March - 03 April	CPM-15 - Ministerial CPM: 02 March 2020	Rome, IT (FAO HQ)	Governance
04-08 May	Standards Committee (SC)	Rome, IT (FAO HQ)	Governance
11-15 May	Standards Committee working group (SC-7)	Rome, IT (FAO HQ)	Governance
02-05 June	CPM Bureau	Rome, IT (FAO HQ)	Governance
22-26 June	Technical Panel on Phytosanitary Treatments (TPPT)	Tentative: Vienna, AT (IAEA FAO Joint Division)	Expert input: Drafting standards
01 July – 30 September 2020	Consultation period on draft ISPMs and CPM Recommendations	-	Consultation period
01 July – 30 August 2020	Consultation period on draft specifications	-	Consultation period
20-24 July 2020	Tentative – Expert working group (EWG) on "Import authorization"	TBD	Expert input: Drafting standards
17-21 August 2020	Technical Panel on Diagnostic Protocols (TPDP)	Paris, France (EPPO HQ)	Expert input: Drafting standards
31 August – 04 September 2020	IPPC Regional Workshops	(various)	Expert input / Capacity development
07-11 September 2020	IPPC Regional Workshops	(various)	Expert input / Capacity development
07-11 September 2020	Tentative – EWG on "Revision of ISPM 4 (PFA)"	TBD	Expert input: Drafting standards
21-25 September 2020	Phytosanitary Measures Research Group (PMRG)	Rome, IT (FAO HQ)	External meeting: Liaison and support
05 – 08 October 2020	International Plant Health Conference	Helsinki, Finland (Paasitorni Conference Centre Helsinki Finland)	External meeting – IYPH / Liaison and support
09 October 2020	Tentative - IPPC Financial Committee (FC) Meeting (morning)	Helsinki, Finland	Governance
09 Oct (PM) and 15 Oct 2020	Tentative - CPM Bureau	Helsinki, Finland	Governance
12-14 October 2020	Tentative - IPPC Strategic Planning Group (SPG)	Helsinki, Finland	Governance
19-23 October 2020	Tentative – EWG?	TBD	Expert input: Drafting standards
November	Tentative – APPC - IPPC International workshop on commodity standards (NZ contribution)	TBD	Other type of meeting – organization support
16-20 November	Standards Committee (SC)	Rome, IT (FAO HQ)	Governance
23-26 November	Technical Panel for the Glossary (TPG)	Rome, IT (FAO HQ)	Expert input: Drafting standards
07-10 December 2020	Tentative – Technical Panel on Commodity Standards (TPCS) – pending CPM-15 (and pending approval of specification and selection of experts)	Tentative: Peru	Expert input: Drafting standards
10 December 2020	CPM Bureau (teleconference)	Rome, IT (FAO HQ)	Governance