



Terms of Reference
Sea Containers Task Force
Implementation and Capacity Development Committee (IC) Sub-group

(As approved by the IC November 2018 meeting)

1. Purpose

- [1] The Sea Containers Task Force (SCTF) will supervise the actions contained in the Sea Container Complementary Action Plan¹ for Assessing and Managing the Pest Threats Associated with Sea Containers, under the oversight of the IC.

2. Duration

- [2] The SCTF will operate until a final report is submitted to CPM-16 (2021).

3. Membership

- [3] SCTF members should have experience relevant to the pest risks on sea containers and their management. The membership consists of nominated members.

- [4] The SCTF nominated members may be drawn from contracting parties, RPPOs, international organizations, as follows:

- Up to three representatives of contracting parties
- One representative from the CPM Bureau
- One Lead from the IC
- One representative of the SC
- One representative from the International Maritime Organization (IMO)
- One representative from the RPPOs
- One representative from the World Customs Organization (WCO)
- One Former Sea Container Expert Working Group (EWG) member

4. Observers

- [5] The IC may invite observers from the following organizations:

- One representative from the World Bank (WB)
- One representatives from industry
- One representative from the Container Owners Association (COA)
- One representative from World Shipping Council (WSC)
- One representative from Global Shippers Forum (GSF)

5. Tasks

- [6] The SCTF operates under the guidance and supervision of the IC, and will undertake the following tasks:

¹ Sea Containers Complementary Action Plan endorsed by CPM 12 (2017) - https://www.ippc.int/static/media/files/publication/en/2017/05/CPM-12_Report-2017-05-30_withISPMs.pdf

1. Measuring the impact of the CTU code through:
 - 1.1. The development of a joint IPPC/International Maritime Organization (IMO)/industry protocol for the collection of data related to contamination of sea containers to be completed by CPM-16 (2021)
 - 1.2. Monitoring the uptake and implementation of the IMO/ILO/United Nations Economic Commission for Europe (UNECE) Code of Practice for Packing of Cargo Transport Units through:
 - 1.2.1. Industry reporting
 - 1.2.2. NPPO monitoring
 - 1.3. Verifying the efficacy of the CTU code in ensuring the arrival of clean sea container through:
 - 1.3.1. Monitoring for pest contamination and freedom of soil by NPPOs;
 - 1.3.2. Assisting NPPOs manage pest risks associated with sea containers,
2. Increasing awareness of pest risks of sea container through:
 - 2.1. Publication of the data of the Sea Container Task Force;
 - 2.2. A request for countries having data on contamination of sea containers to make it publically available;
 - 2.3. Calling for and publication of pest risk management guidance material for sea containers;
 - 2.4. Encouraging NPPOs to inform industry on the risks and possible international actions to manage pest risks associated with sea containers;
3. Providing information on pest risks of sea containers and their management;
4. Coordinating with contracting parties, regional plant protection organizations (RPPOs), industry and other international organizations;
5. Establishing a mechanism for contracting parties to report to Commission on Phytosanitary Measures (CPM) on their progress and achievements;
6. Providing advice on how the Cargo Transport Unit (CTU) code or any other instrument could be updated;

6. Reporting

- [7] The SCTF reports to the IC annually and if necessary, upon request. A final report of the SCTF will be prepared in time to be reviewed and approved by the IC to submit it to CPM-16 (2021).

7. Rules of Procedure

- [8] The IC Sub-group Rules of Procedure will apply to the SCTF.

8. Amendments

- [9] Amendments to these Terms of Reference, if required, shall be approved by the IC.