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**DRAFT ISPM:
AUDIT IN THE PHYTOSANITARY
CONTEXT (2015-014)**

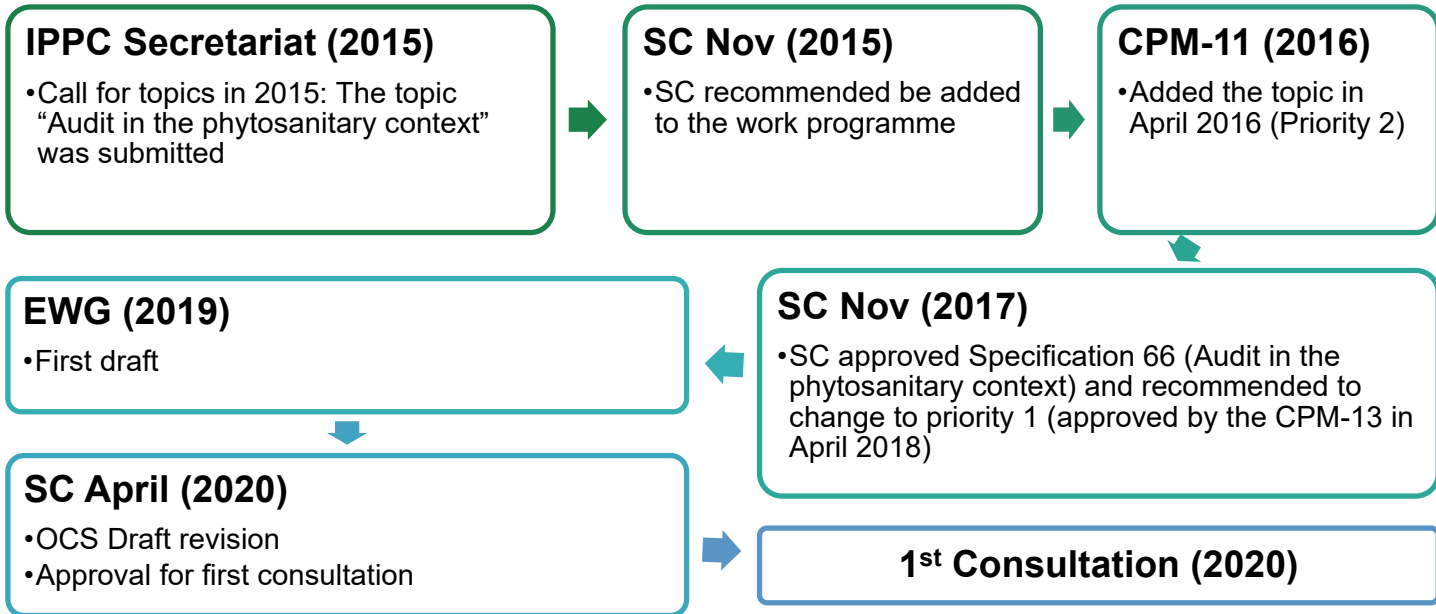
**IPPC FIRST CONSULTATION
1 JULY TO 30 SEPTEMBER 2020**

**IPPC SECRETARIAT
2020 IPPC REGIONAL WORKSHOP**

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Background



General Considerations

For 1st consultation

Because of the travel restrictions due to the COVID-19 pandemic and in line with the FAO policy, the 2020 May meeting of the SC was cancelled

To continue with the core work of the SC, the SC agreed to **utilize OCS** to review draft ISPM

IPPC – OCS

SC **reviewed the draft ISPM**, starting on the 20 April 2020.
The steward addressed the comments and revised the draft

SC **approved the draft ISPM** for the first consultation

1 July - 30
September 2020

General points for consultation

The standard describes the **purpose** and **procedures** for audit activities in the phytosanitary context, considering all the elements indicated in Specification No. 66

Includes the circumstances that may **trigger** an audit and the criteria and procedures for **planning, preparing for** and **performing** audits

Provides guidance on **selecting auditors**: describing the criteria, procedures and the requirements for approving and selecting auditors that would enable NPPOs (or entities authorized by them) to conduct audits

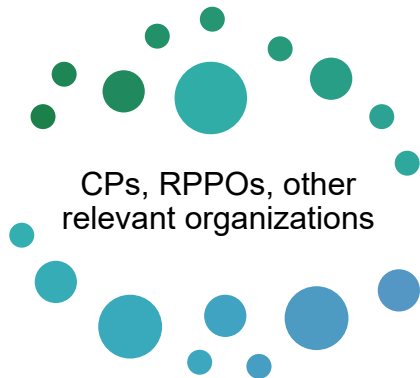
General points for consultation (cont.)

Establishing audit **frequencies**, **settling disputes** over audit findings, and agreeing **financial arrangements** between the parties involved

The **structure of the draft** is proposed to give an order from the most general issues to the particular:

- that is, first to mention the general considerations to be taken into account for the audits, and then
- the steps of execution (performance) of an audit

Possible implementation considerations



are invited to
comment and
present
possible
implementation
issues

i.e.: Audit guidance tools, Auditor
training, legal or regulatory
framework necessary to support
authorization of entities other than
the NPPO to perform audits, etc.



Useful links

Consultation page (full text of the ISPM):

- <https://www.ippc.int/en/core-activities/standards-setting/member-consultation-draft-ispms/>

Report of the EWG meeting drafting the ISPM:

- <https://www.ippc.int/en/publications/87497/>





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