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**DRAFT ISPM: COMMODITY-BASED
STANDARDS FOR PHYTOSANITARY
MEASURES (2019-008) (PRIORITY 1)**

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Development history

2018-10

- Focus group on commodity and pathway standards recommended adding to the work programme



2018-12

- CPM Bureau recommended adding to the work programme



2019-04

- CPM-14 added the topic to the work programme (2019-008)



2019-11

- SC revised the draft ISPM in detail



2019-10

- SPG reviewed and provided comments



2019-06

- Focus group on commodity and pathway standards drafted ISPM



2019-12

- CPM Bureau approved the draft for CPM (for approval for consultation)
- **Note: CPM in 2020 cancelled**



2020-07

- CPM Bureau approved the draft for first consultation and transferred it to the SC, following the normal standard setting process





Outline of Requirements



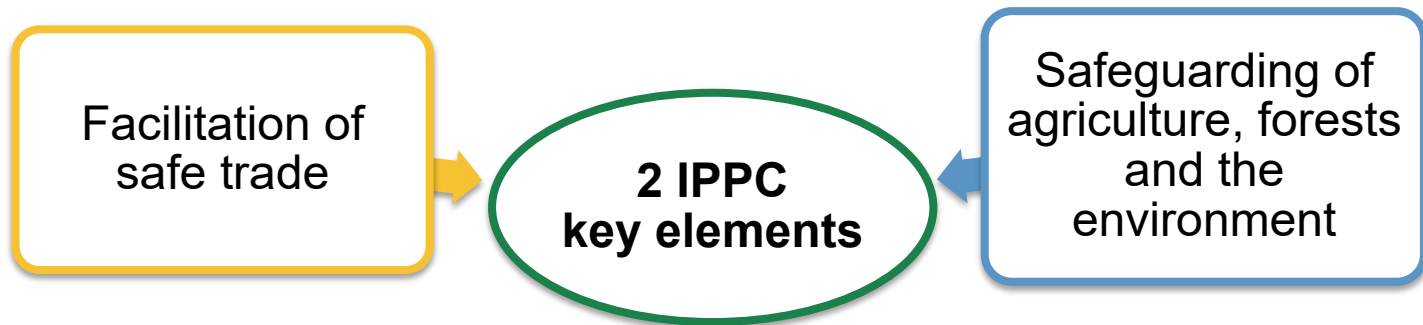
- Commodity standards should be considered by CPs **when developing phytosanitary import requirements**
- Such standards **contain lists of pests and corresponding options for phytosanitary measures**
- The **lists of pests include those known to be associated with the specified commodity and intended use**
- Commodity standards **may also include information on pests known to be associated with the plant species but not with the commodity**
- The **measures listed** are those that satisfy **minimum criteria for inclusion in the standard**
- The **lists of pests and options** for phytosanitary measures are **not intended to be exhaustive** and are subject to review and amendment

Specific commodity standards will be presented as annexes to this standard





Background



- ✓ **IPPC Strategic Framework 2020-2030:** proposes the development of ISPMs for specific commodities to simplify trade and expedite market-access negotiations





Scope



This standard provides guidance on the purpose, use, content and publication of commodity-based standards for phytosanitary measures

- This is an overarching **over-arching concept standard**
- **Specific commodity-based standards** for phytosanitary measures are to be annexes
- **Specific commodity-based standards:**
 - commodities being moved in international trade
 - identify pests associated with these commodities
 - options for relevant phytosanitary measures

The scope of this standard and its annexes does not include consideration of **contaminating pests or diversion from intended use**





6 principles

1

Sovereign rights are not affected by commodity standards

2

Existing international obligations of contracting parties remain unaffected (i.e. under the IPPC and WTO-SPS)

3

Commodity standards do not impose additional obligations on importing countries

4

The scope of commodity standards does not include diversion from intended use

5

Lists of pests are presented in commodity standards. However, the regulation of any pest remains subject to technical justification

6

Commodity standards provide CPs with options for phytosanitary measures to prevent the entry and establishment of regulated pests. These options are not intended to be exhaustive



Requirements (1): Purpose and Use of Commodity Standards

Purpose

- To support the development of phytosanitary import requirements that facilitate safe trade

Measures contained within commodity standards **should be considered** when developing **phytosanitary import requirements***



The inclusion of a measure in this ISPM does not create any obligation for a contracting party to approve it, register it or adopt it for use in its territory

It is intended that commodity standards provide benefits for both importing and exporting countries**





Requirements (1): Purpose and Use of Commodity Standards (cont'd)

Commodity standards aren't developed as annexes to this standard when:

No effective
phytosanitary
measures are
available

An existing ISPM
already provides
sufficient guidance

A commodity
shouldn't be
regulated within
the scope of the
IPPC





Requirements (2): Content of Commodity Standards

The commodity standards that form the annexes to this standard are arranged according to the 5 sections:

Scope

Description
of the
commodity
and its
intended use

Pests

Options for
phytosanitary
measures

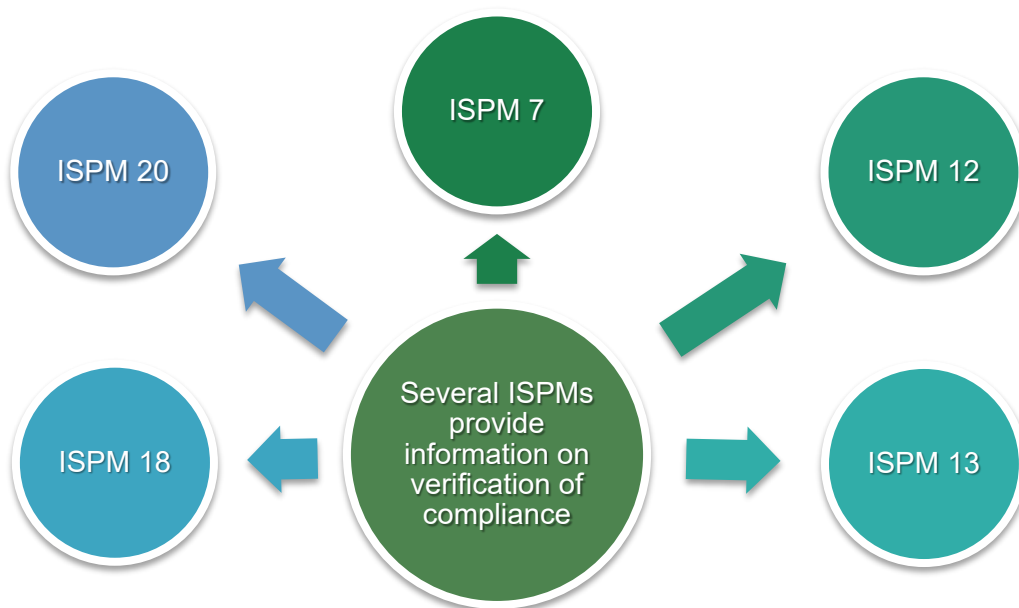
References

The content of these sections is described in this draft ISPM, together with the basis on which pests (section 2.3) and measures (sections 2.4 and 4) are included in the standards



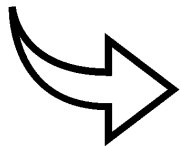


Requirements (3): Verification of Compliance



Criteria for Inclusion of Measures in Commodity Standards

A measure is considered for inclusion in a commodity standard when it is, or has been, set as a phytosanitary import requirement by at least one CP*, or when included in at least one bilateral arrangement



The practicability and feasibility of the measure is also taken into account when a measure is being considered for inclusion in a commodity standard

* (and hence in operation between at least two CPs)

Criteria for Inclusion of Measures in Commodity Standards (cont'd)

Inclusion in the standard is further supported if one or more of the following criteria are met:

- ✓ Experience from use in trade indicates that the measure is effective
- ✓ Experience from domestic use indicates that the measure is effective
- ✓ Experimental evidence indicates that the measure is effective
- ✓ Information from PRAs or, where applicable, from another comparable examination and evaluation of available scientific information, indicates that the measure is effective
- ✓ Adopted ISPMs exist that are relevant to the pests or commodities
- ✓ Regional standards exist that are relevant to the pests or commodities





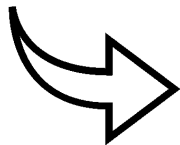
Requirements (5): Confidence in Measures

Measures are evaluated by the Technical Panel on Commodity Standards (TPCS) are divided into 3 categories according to confidence in the measure

High

Medium

Low



Confidence depends on the rigour of any supporting analyses and may be increased if there are cumulative sources of evidence, such as information on usage or acceptance





Requirements (6): Publication of Annexes

After adoption by the CPM, commodity-specific standards, containing lists of pests and options for phytosanitary measures for commodities being moved in international trade, are posted separately on the IPP as annexes to this standard

These annexes have the status of an ISPM and should be considered accordingly

Where appropriate, commodity standards may instead be presented as annexes of other ISPMs





Requirements (7): Review and Re-evaluations

CPs should submit to the IPPC Secretariat any new information that could have an impact on the lists of pests or lists of options for phytosanitary measures currently adopted by the CPM

Appropriate information should be provided to support any claims

The Technical Panel on Commodity Standards (TPCS) will review the data and revise the lists if necessary, following the SSP





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