SEA CONTAINERS
TASK FORCE
IC SUB-GROUP

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PROTECTING PLANTS,
PROTECTING LIFE
Risks Associated with Movement of Sea Containers and their Cargoes

- Sea containers (Cargo Transport Units (CTUs)) and their cargoes - potential pest pathway
- High level of risk - once introduced, pests are very difficult and expensive to control or eradicate
- Involvement of different stakeholders in the supply chain for cooperation.

• Joint actions are needed
Sea Containers Task Force (SCTF)

• Purpose: to supervise and direct the implementation of the Sea Containers Complementary Action Plan endorsed by CPM - 12, overseen by the IC

• Term: should operate for a temporary period, at the latest until CPM-16 in 2021.

• The CPM Bureau has extended the mandate of the SCTF until the end of 2021 and outcomes to be presented to CPM in 2022
Composition

• Membership:
  • 3 representatives of contracting parties
  • CPM Bureau representative
  • IC Lead
  • SC representative
  • International Maritime Organization (IMO) representative
  • RPPOs representative
  • World Customs Organization (WCO) representative
  • Former Sea Container Expert Working Group (EWG) member

• Detailed information on the membership could be found at https://www.ippc.int/en/publications/85435/
Tasks

I. Measuring the impact of the IMO (International Maritime Organization)/ILO (International Labour Organization)/UNECE (United Nations Economic Commission for Europe)’s Code of Practice for Packing of Cargo Transport Units through:

- The development of a joint IPPC/IMO/industry protocol for the collection of data related to contamination of sea containers
- Monitoring the uptake and implementation of the CTU code through industry reporting and NPPO monitoring

• II. Increasing awareness of pest risks of sea containers.
I - Measuring the impact of the CTU code:

• Sea Container Questionnaire to measure *(Issued: March, 2019 – Closed: August 2019)*
  • NPPOs' current level of monitoring of sea containers
  • NPPOs' implementation of existing industry guidelines for container cleanliness
  • What type of data about container cleanliness is currently collected by NPPOs
• Sea Containers National Surveys *(should be an ongoing NPPO activity)*:
  • IPPC Guidelines on Sea Container Surveys for NPPOs are available
  • Surveys are not progressing well
SCTF Main Actions cont.

I - Measuring the impact of the CTU code:

• Exploring the feasibility of using of Authorized Economic Operator (AEO) and the WCO Data Model for sea containers cleanliness purposes
• Inclusion of sea containers cleanliness questions in the IMO inspection programmes
• Industry Surveys - are not progressing
II - Increasing awareness of pest risks of sea containers:

• Potential revision of the CTU Code
• IPPC Sea Container Supply Chains and Cleanliness: An IPPC Best practice Guidance on Measures to Minimize Pest Contamination and associated leaflet
• International Workshop on Sea Containers
Moving Forward

NPPOs and RPPOs are invited to *(CTU Code uptake)*:

- Establish sea containers surveys:
  - Follow the IPPC Sea Containers Surveys Guidelines
  - Fill in recording forms as indicated in the Guidelines
  - Completed recording forms should be sent to the IPPC Secretariat *(ippc@fao.org)*

- Get in touch with national contact points of the IMO to support the inclusion of the sea containers cleanliness among criteria for the CTU Inspection Programmes of the IMO

- Engage with local/national industries to:
  - Increase the uptake of the CTU Code, AND
  - Raise awareness
NPPOs and RPPOs are invited to (Awareness raising):
• Consult with the results of the Questionnaire on Monitoring of Sea Container Cleanliness
• Make use of different guidance documents developed by the SCTF
SCTF links

- IC Sub-group Sea Container Task Force
- Sea Containers
- CPM Recommendation on: Sea containers (R-06)
- Report of the Implementation and Capacity Development Committee (IC) - Sea Containers Programme
- IMO/ILO/UNECE Code of Practice for Packing of Cargo Transport Units (CTU Code)
- Guidelines on Sea Container Surveys for National Plant Protection Organizations
- Joint Industry Guidelines for Cleaning of Containers
- Sea container supply chains and cleanliness
- Reducing the spread of invasive pests by sea containers
- Findings from the 2019 Sea Container Questionnaire on Monitoring of Sea Container Cleanliness
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