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# SEA CONTAINERS TASK FORCE IC SUB-GROUP

**2020 IPPC Regional Workshops**

## 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.

# SCTF Main Actions

## 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



## SCTF Main Actions cont.

### 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](mailto: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

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## **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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