



STANDARD SETTING UNIT (SSU) 2021 TENTATIVE WORK PLAN

(Prepared by the IPPC Secretariat)

Background

- [1] This paper presents a tentative work plan for 2021 of the work of the Standard Setting Unit (SSU). The current SSU staff and their main areas of work are presented in the [linked chart](#).
- [2] A tentative work plan for the 2020 year was presented to the Standards Committee (SC) in November 2019 in the paper 34_SC_2019_Nov and is available on the International Phytosanitary Portal (IPP)¹.
- [3] A tentative draft list of activities for 2021 is provided in Annex 1. A tentative calendar is provided in Annex 2. After the 2020 November SC meeting, this document and its annexes will be made available on the IPP (<https://www.ippc.int/en/core-activities/standards-setting/>).
- [4] Besides providing support to the Standards Committee (SC) and its direct activities (e.g., calls, e-decisions and meetings organization), the SSU also provides support to IPPC overall management and activities, such as task forces and working groups. The SSU also provides support to other IPPC subsidiary bodies (e.g., CPM Bureau and Strategic Planning Group (SPG)) and more recently, the SSU was assigned to coordinate the activities related to three development agendas in the IPPC strategic framework 2020-2030: commodity and pathways standards, authorization of entities to perform phytosanitary actions and laboratory diagnostic networking.
- [5] As per the global sanitary crisis due to COVID-19, FAO is recommending that all meetings scheduled for the first semester of 2021 are in virtual mode. Therefore, the SC May and SC-7 meetings will take place virtually, on the pre-agreed dates of 10 to 14 May 2021 for the SC and 17 to 21 May for the SC-7. Confirmation on dates and time will follow along with the invitation letter.
- [6] Pending decisions to be taken by the CPM-15 and SC (SC and SC-7), the following draft ISPMs and documents are planned to be presented for consultation and the tentative planned meetings for 2021²:

First consultation 2021 (01 July- 30 September. 90 days consultation period):

- 1 draft CPM recommendation: Reduce the incidence of contaminating pests associated with regulated articles and unregulated goods to protect plant health and facilitate trade (2019-002);
- 4 draft ISPMs: Revision of ISPM 4 (*Requirements for the establishment of pest free areas*) (2009-002), Use of specific import authorizations (Annex to ISPM 20: *Guidelines for a phytosanitary import regulatory system*) (2008-006), Revision of ISPM 18 (*Guidelines for the use of irradiation as a phytosanitary measure*) (2014-007), 2021 Amendments to ISPM 5;
- 4 draft diagnostic protocols (DPs): Genus *Ceratitidis* (2016-001), *Pyricularia oryzae* (syn. *Magnaporthe oryzae*) on *Triticum* (2019-002), *Mononychelus tanajoa* (2018-006) and Psyllid vectors of *Candidatus Liberibacter solanacearum* (2018-030);
- 1 draft phytosanitary treatment (PT): Irradiation treatment for *Pseudococcus jackbeardsleyi* (2017-027);
- 1 draft specification (01 July – 30 August, 60 days consultation): Reorganization of PRA-related ISPMs (2020-001);

Second consultation 2021 (01 July – 30 September. 90 days consultation period):

- 4 draft ISPMs: Commodity-based standards for phytosanitary measures (2019-008), Audits in the phytosanitary context (2015-014), Focused revision of ISPM 12 in relation to re-export (2015-011) and 2019&2020 Amendments to ISPM 5;

¹ 2020 SSU Work Plan: <https://www.ippc.int/en/publications/81957/>

² See calendar on IPP: <https://www.ippc.int/year/calendar/>

- 6 draft phytosanitary treatments (PTs): Irradiation treatment for *Tortricidae* on fruits (2017-011), Cold treatment for *Thaumatotibia leucotreta* on *Citrus sinensis* (2017-029), Cold treatment for *Bactrocera zonata* on *Citrus sinensis* (2017-013), Vapour heat - modified atmosphere treatment for *Cydia pomonella* and *Grapholita molesta* in fruit of *Malus pumila* and *Prunus persica* (2017-037/038), Irradiation treatment for *Sternochetus frigidus* (2017-036), Irradiation treatment for *Zeugodacus tau* (2017-025).

Planned meetings for 2021

- SC May, SC-7 and SC November;
- Technical Panel on Diagnostic Protocols (TPDP);
- Technical Panel on Phytosanitary Treatments (TPPT);
- Technical Panel for the Glossary (TPG);
- Expert working groups (EWGs):
 - o Expert working Group on use of specific import authorizations (Annex to ISPM 20) (2008-006), priority 4;
 - o Design and use of systems approaches for phytosanitary certification of seeds (Annex to ISPM 38 *International movement of seeds*) (2018-009), priority 1;
 - o Criteria for the determination of host status for fruit flies based on available information (Annex to ISPM 37: *determination fruit fly host status*) (2018-011), priority 3.
- Other meetings:
 - o IPPC Task Force on Topics (in collaboration with the Implementation and Facilitation Unit (IFU));
 - o IPPC Sea Containers Task Force;
 - o 2021 IPPC Regional Workshops (in collaboration with IFU);
 - o Phytosanitary Measures Research Group (PMRG) (support);
 - o International Plant Health Conference (support).

Other activities:

- Publication of adopted ISPMs;
- Ink amendments to adopted ISPMs;
- Language review groups (LRGs);
- Calls for experts, calls for discussion papers;
- IPPC call for topics: standards and implementation material;
- Webinars: Commodity standards, Technical Panel on Diagnostic Protocols (TPDP);
- Online commenting system (OCS) review;
- E-Decisions;
- Expert Consultation on Diagnostic Protocols (TPDP);
- DP Notification Period.

Liaison: On behalf of the IPPC, some SSU staff conduct liaison activities with the following organizations³ (and others):

- Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD);
- Biodiversity-related Conventions;
- International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA);

³ For more information, please visit the webpage: <https://www.ippc.int/en/core-activities/external-cooperation/>

- UN Biological and Toxic Weapons Convention;
- Ozone Secretariat (UN Environment);
- Phytosanitary Measures Research Group (PMRG).

Recommendations to the Standards Committee (SC):

[7] The SC is invited to:

- (1) *note* the tentative list of activities for 2021;
- (2) *note* the proposed topics for expert working groups.

Annex 1**IPPC Secretariat - Standard Setting Unit (SSU)****2021 work plan – TENTATIVE***(Updated on 2020-11-01)***❖ Standards Committee (SC) May 2021 (10-14 May, virtual mode):***Notes: It is to highlight that revision of draft ISPMs will also take place prior to the meeting dates, via OCS***Tentative points for agenda:****1. Draft ISPMs for approval for first consultation:**4 draft ISPMs:

- Revision of ISPM 4 (*Requirements for the establishment of pest free areas*) (2009-002)
- Use of specific import authorizations (Annex to ISPM 20: *Guidelines for a phytosanitary import regulatory system*) (2008-006)
- Revision of ISPM 18 (*Guidelines for the use of irradiation as a phytosanitary measure*) (2014-007)
- 2021 Amendments to ISPM 5

2. E-decisions for approval of subjects for consultation period:4 draft diagnostic protocols (DPs):

- Genus *Ceratitis* (2016-001)
- *Pyricularia oryzae* (syn. *Magnaporthe oryzae*) on *Triticum* (2019-002)
- *Mononychelus tanajoa* (2018-006)
- Psyllid vectors of *Candidatus Liberibacter solanacearum* (2018-030)

1 draft phytosanitary treatment (PT) for first consultation:

- Irradiation treatment for *Pseudococcus jackbeardsleyi* (2017-027)

6 draft PTs for second consultation:

- Irradiation treatment for *Tortricidae* on fruits (2017-011), Cold treatment for *Thaumatotibia leucotreta* on *Citrus sinensis* (2017-029), Cold treatment for *Bactrocera zonata* on *Citrus sinensis* (2017-013), Vapour heat - modified atmosphere treatment for *Cydia pomonella* and *Grapholita molesta* in fruit of *Malus pumila* and *Prunus persica* (2017-037/038), Irradiation treatment for *Sternochetus frigidus* (2017-036) and Irradiation treatment for *Zeugodacus tau* (2017-025).

3. Technical panels updates and review of work plans:

1. Technical Panel for the Glossary (TPG)
2. Technical Panel on Phytosanitary Measures (TPPT)
3. Technical Panel on Diagnostic Protocols (TPDP)

4. Ink amendments to adopted ISPMs**5. CPM-15 follow-ups****6. SC / IC interactions****7. IPPC Strategic Framework 2020-2030****8. Election of SC Chairperson**

❖ Standards Committee working group (SC-7) May 2021 (17-21 May, virtual mode):

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4 draft ISPMs:

- Commodity-based standards for phytosanitary measures (2019-008)
- Audits in the phytosanitary context (2015-014)
- Focused revision of ISPM 12 in relation to re-export (2015-011)
- 2019&2020 Amendments to ISPM 5

❖ Standards Committee November 2021 (15-19 November 2021, FAO HQ/virtual mode):

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Tentative points for agenda:**1. Draft ISPMs for approval for recommendation to the Commission on Phytosanitary Measures (CPM-16) for adoption:**

1. Commodity-based standards for phytosanitary measures (2019-008)
2. Audits in the phytosanitary context (2015-014)
3. Focused revision of ISPM 12 in relation to re-export (2015-011)
4. 2019&2020 Amendments to ISPM 5

2. E-decisions for approval of subjects for adoption:

- 6 draft phytosanitary treatments (PTs)

3. Review of submissions from call for topics**4. SC / IC interactions****5. IPPC Strategic Framework 2020-2030****IPPC projects:**

- “Support to the IPPC Strategic Framework: Commodity and pathways standards, Pest Outbreak Alert and Response Systems, and e-Phyto” (project end date: 30-Jun-2023; project symbol: GCP/GLO/040/EC)
- Implementation of the International Plant Protection Convention (IPPC) (project end date: 31-Dec-2022; project symbol: GCP/GLO/025/EC)

Annex 2

STANDARD SETTING 2021 - TENTATIVE CALENDAR

For updates, please check the IPPC calendar at <https://www.ippc.int/en/year/calendar/>

Quarter	Date	Activity	Venue	Category
1 st	05 Dec 2020 – 15 Jan 2021	Expert consultation on draft diagnostic protocols	-	Expert input: Drafting standards
	05 January – 20 Feb	DP notification period	-	Adoption of ISPMs
	15 Jan – 15 Feb	Expert consultation on draft diagnostic protocols	-	Expert input: Drafting standards
	18 Jan – 22 Jan	Technical Panel for the Glossary (TPG)	Virtual meeting	Expert input: Drafting standards
	01 February 2021	Objection period for adoption of ISPMs closure (“6 weeks prior”)	-	Governance
	01-05 February	EWG: Use of specific import authorizations (Annex to ISPM 20)	Virtual meeting	Expert input: Drafting standards
	February	Technical Panel on Diagnostic Protocols (TPDP)	Virtual meeting	Expert input: Drafting standards
	01 March	Posting draft ISPMs to SC May (available to CPs and SC)	-	Governance
	10-12 March	CPM Bureau	Virtual	Governance
	15-19 March	CPM-15	Virtual	Governance
2 nd	March	Technical Panel on Diagnostic Protocols (TPDP)	Virtual meeting	Expert input: Drafting standards
	April - May	Tentative – Task Force on Topics (TFT)	Virtual meeting	Governance
	10-14 May	Standards Committee (SC)	Virtual meeting	Governance
	17-21 May	Standards Committee working group (SC-7)	Virtual meeting	Governance
	June	Tentative – EWG	TBD	Expert input: Drafting standards
	07-11 June	CPM Bureau	Virtual meeting	Governance
3 rd	28 Jun – 01 July	International Plant Health Conference	Helsinki, Finland	External meeting – IYPH
	01 July – 30 September	Consultation period on draft ISPMs and CPM Recommendations	-	Consultation period
	01 July – 30 August	Consultation period on draft specifications	-	Consultation period
	July	Tentative – Technical Panel on Diagnostic Protocols (TPDP)	TBD	Expert input: Drafting standards
	July	Tentative – Technical Panel on Phytosanitary Treatments (TPPT)	Japan	Expert input: Drafting standards
	24 -28 August	IPPC Regional Workshops	(various)	Expert input / Capacity development

Quarter	Date	Activity	Venue	Category
	31 Aug – 04 September	IPPC Regional Workshops	(various)	Expert input / Capacity development
	27-30 September	Tentative - Phytosanitary Measures Research Group (PMRG)	Rome, IT (FAO HQ)	External meeting: Liaison and support
4 th	October	Tentative – EWG	TBD	Expert input: Drafting standards
	15-19 November	Standards Committee (SC)	Rome, IT (FAO HQ)	Governance
	December	Tentative – Technical Panel for the Glossary (TPG)	Rome, IT (FAO HQ)	Expert input: Drafting standards