



SEA CONTAINERS TASK FORCE 2021 WORK PLAN

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Output/Work Area I - NPPO Surveys			
Expected outcome: Data on the degree of interior and exterior contamination of a subset of empty and packed (with cargo) sea containers, as well as their cargoes, utilizing a uniform approach.			
Action Item	Action Party	2021	Comments
1.1 NPPOs provide survey results and analysis of their national surveys to the SCTF	Wendy, Wendy, Sina, Gu, Rama, Frederick	September-October 2021	
1.2 Consider deletion of some fields from the inspection template of the Guidelines on Sea Container Surveys for NPPOs to assist in better reporting	Rama/All	February 2021	
1.3 Develop a paper summarizing the pest risks resulting from NPPO surveys	Wendy, Wendy, Sina, Gu, Rama, Frederick	November 2021	
1.4 Collect information on techniques used by NPPOs, port authorities/other stakeholders to survey and monitor cleanliness, safety and movement of CTUs	All	Over the course of 2021	
1.5 The World Bank to update the SCTF on the pilot to support selected CPs /NPPOs with national surveys	Shane	September- October 2021	

1.6 Consider assistance to IMO member countries on sea container cleanliness in the IMO technical development programmes	IMO/IPPC Secretariats	November 2021	
Output/Work Area II - Coordination with CPs, RPPOs, industry and other organizations			
Expected outcome: Enhanced collaboration on identification of pest risks and on possible international actions as well as consistency of relevant regulations with the CPM Recommendation related to sea containers.			
Action Item	Action Party	2021	Comments
2.1 Establish collaboration with the International Association of Ports and Harbours (IAPH)		Over the course of 2021	
2.2 Work within the CCC CG on refinement of proposals for inclusion of cleanliness and pest management issues into the IMO inspection programme	Secretariat/ All	February 2021	
2.3 Develop a proposal to include additional data fields to the WCO data model	Rama and Sina	2021	
2.4 Industry representatives identify challenges and ways to provide information to be reflected in a WCO data model so that NPPOs can consider this when/if a potential new data element is added in the WCO Data Model	Lars, Uffe, Jiang	2021	
2.5 IPPC Sect. discusses with WCO Sect. the inclusion of	Secretariat/WCO Secretariat	2021	

phytosanitary aspects/criteria into the global AEO framework			
2.6 Participate in the 5th WCO Global AEO conference “AEO 2.0: Advancing towards new horizons for sustainable and secure trade” planned for April 2021	Secretariat	April 2021	
2.7 Participate in development of UNECE CTU Code App	Secretariat/Lars All	2021	
2.8 Development of an SCTF proposal for the revision of the CTU Code with respect to pest risks	All/Secretariat	Over the course of 2021	
2.9 Additional contributions to UNECE handbook on national master plans for freight transport and logistics	All	2021	
2.10 Utilize information from RPPOs with regards to Containers contamination	RPPO/Secretariat	September 2021	
Output/Work Area III - Communication and awareness raising			
Expected outcome: Increased awareness of different stakeholders on sea container pest risks through provision of information and possible risk management			
Action Item	Action Party	2021	Comments
3.1 Develop regional communication strategy on the need for NPPO surveys and share with the RPPOs to be used for informing CPs in their regions	Sina, Stephanie, Nico RPPOs	January 2021	

3.2 Publish Information on emerging pest risks in the sea container pathway on the IPP	NPPOs to provide information Secretariat to publish	Over the course of 2021	
3.3 Collaborate with maritime journals to publish cleanliness and emerging pest related articles	All/Secretariat	Over the course of 2021	
3.4 IPP News item on materials available including industry Quick Guide to the CTU Code and Container Packing Checklist	Secretariat	February 2021	
3.5 IPP News item on the progress of the World Bank pilot	Shane	Over the course of 2021	
3.6 IPP News item on the outcomes of the CG work and CCC -7 meeting	Bingbing/Secretariat	2021	
3.7 IPP News item on pest risk developed by Industry representatives and published	Lars, Uffe, Jiang	March	
3.8 IPP News item on survey results developed by countries that conducted surveys	Wendy, Wendy, Sina, Gu, Rama, Frederick	December 2021	
3.9 IPP News Item from NPPOs conducting surveys providing the data on interceptions, information on emerging pests and systems to mitigate pest risks associated with sea containers and their cargos	Wendy, Wendy, Sina, Gu, Rama, Frederick Secretariat to support	One news item per month beginning January 2021	

3.10 IPP phytosanitary systems page on sea containers develop and published	Secretariat/IC Lead	April-May in 2021	
3.11 IPP News item on availability of the SCTF landing page	Secretariat	April-May in 2021	
3.12 NPPOs to provide relevant materials to be published on the Sea containers IPP page inter alia case studies	All	Over the course of 2021	
3.13 Development of key messages/facts and figures to share with industry	ALL	Over the course of 2021	
3.14 NASCI/WB webinars with specific industry sectors to conduct outreach and to collect specific commodity/sector input	Wendy, Wendy, Shane	September-October 2021	
3.15 NASCI workshop NPPO and Industry	Wendy, Wendy, Shane	Sometime in 2021	
3.16 Deliver NPPO workshop to discuss challenges, generate ideas on next steps and collect suggestions for measures	ALL	Virtually 2021	
3.17 Develop generic presentation on the risks associated with movement of sea containers and their cargos for NPPOs to share with different stakeholders	ALL	June	
3.18 Preparation and delivery of a presentation for the CCC-7 meeting on sea containers cleanliness and on the SCTF/Phytosanitary community work on the issue	Secretariat	6-10 September 2021	

Output/Work Area IV – Elaboration of recommendations to CPM			
Expected outcome: Recommendations to CPM how address the risks of sea containers elaborated and final report of the SCTF submitted			
Action Item	Action Party	2021	Comments
4.1 Provide inputs to the revision of the CPM recommendation 06 on Sea containers: https://assets.ippc.int/static/media/files/publication/en/2017/08/R_06_En_2017-08-23_Combined_UZOHKA3.pdf		May 2021	
4.2 Elaboration of options/recommendations/considerations that outline the pros and cons of each option for CPM on how address the risks of sea containers. This should include suggestions on incentive programmes to be in place at national level to promote national surveys	ALL	October 2021	
4.3 Elaboration of final report on SCTF activities and submission of recommendations for the CPM to the IC	ALL	December 2021	
4.4 SCTF virtual meetings	ALL	April, June, September, December 2021	