Submission form for topics for Standards and Implementation

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Name of Country or Organization Australia

Introduction

In Accordance with CPM-13 decision, a combined call for topics for standards and tools for implementation is opened in 2018. IPPC contracting parties and RPPOs are invited to submit proposals for topics to be included as gaps in the Framework for Standards and Implementation for consideration to be put onto the IPPC work programme. Each submission should clearly define the problem needing resolution in sufficient detail to determine how it fits into the Framework for Standards and Implementation and the cost/benefit of the development of the standard or tool. Submitters are requested to consult the current IPPC Framework for Standards and Implementation (<https://www.ippc.int/en/publications/82439/>) to identify areas where the proposal can contribute.

Standards

This form covers submissions for new ISPMs, new components to an existing ISPM and revision or amendments to an ISPM, supplement, annex or appendix, including diagnostic protocols. Please note that a separate call for phytosanitary treatments (PTs) is made, more information on this call is available at <https://www.ippc.int/en/core-activities/standards-setting/calls-treatments/>.

Please refer to the IPPC Standard Setting Procedure Manual[[1]](#footnote-1) for an explanation of the hierarchy of terms for standards (technical area, topic and subject). The list of topics for IPPC standards adopted by the CPM is available at <https://www.ippc.int/core-activities/standards-setting/list-topics-ippc-standards>.

Implementation

This form covers submissions for new IPPC implementation resources for implementation of the Convention, ISPMs and CPM recommendations or for revisions to IPPC implementation resources. Please refer to the IPPC Framework for Standards and Implementation on implementation resources that have been adopted/developed, are under development or are planned to be developed.

Submission

This completed form should be submitted by the IPPC official contact point, preferably via e-mail, to the IPPC Secretariat ([ippc@fao.org](mailto:ippc@fao.org)) no later than **31 August 2018**. Please use one form per topic.

An electronic version of this form is available at <https://www.ippc.int/en/core-activities/standards-and-implementation/call-for-topics-standards-and-implementation/>.

Save and submit the completed submission form as:   
2018\_TOPIC\_*[Country or organization name – Proposed title of topic]*.docx.

(Text in brackets given for explanatory purposes)

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| **Submission form for topics for Standards and Implementation** |
| 1. **Proposed by**: Dr. Kim Ritman |
| 1. **Contact:** (Contact information of an individual able to clarify issues relating to this submission)   Name: Dr. Kim Ritman  Position and organization: Australian Chief Plant Protection Officer, Department of Agriculture and Water Resources  Mailing address: GPO Box 858, Canberra, ACT 2601, Australia    Phone: (+61) 2 6272 4671 Fax:  E-mail: ippc.contactpoint@agriculture.gov.au |
| 1. **Proposed Topic (Choose one box only)**   [\_\_] Standard **(go to 4)** [X] Implementation resource **(go to 5)** |

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| 1. **Standards**    1. **Type of topic: (Choose one box only)** | | |
| A. New ISPM:  [\_\_] Concept  [\_\_] Pest specific  [\_\_] Commodity specific  [\_\_] Reference | B. New component to an existing ISPM:  [\_\_] Supplement  [\_\_] Annex  [\_\_] Appendix  [\_\_] Technical panel (technical area)  [\_\_] Diagnostic protocol (subject) | C. Revision/Amendment of:  [\_\_] ISPM  [\_\_] Supplement  [\_\_] Annex  [\_\_] Appendix |
| **Draft specification:**  As agreed by CPM-7 (2012) and CPM-11 (2016), submissions in answer to the call for topics (except for draft diagnostic protocols, which are subject to additional criteria, see below) should be accompanied by a draft specification. Proposals for phytosanitary treatments are submitted using a different submission form in a separate call: <https://www.ippc.int/en/core-activities/standards-setting/calls-treatments/>.  An annotated template for the draft specification for Standards is available on the IPP (<https://www.ippc.int/en/publications/81324/>) in English, French and Spanish.  **(go to 6)** | | |

**OR**

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| 1. **Implementation**    1. **Type of topic: (Choose one box only)** | |
| 1. New implementation resource:   [X] Guide (e.g. Manual)  [\_\_] Training material (e.g. e-Learning)  [\_\_] Awareness material  [\_\_] Other (Please specify ) | 1. Revision of implementation resource   [\_\_] Guide (e.g. Manual)  [\_\_] Training material (e.g. e-Learning)  [\_\_] Awareness material  [\_\_] Other (Please specify ) |
| * 1. Featured Convention articles, ISPMs and CPM recommendations in the proposed implementation resource   [\_\_] for Convention articles (Articles I, II, IV, VII: Provisions to manage phytosanitary risks on regulated articles)  [X] for ISPM  [\_\_] for CPM Recommendation | |
| **Draft outline:**  Submissions for topics on implementation should be accompanied by a draft outline of implementation resource defining a scope and purpose, or a draft implementation resource. Commitment for financial/in-kind resources to support the development of the implementation resource may be included in the submission (non-obligatory).  **(go to 6)** | |

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| **6. Proposed title of document**  *Implementation of official control (ISPM 5; Supplement 1) and pest free areas (ISPM 4).* |
| **7. Proposed priority**  [\_X\_] 1 (high) [ ] 2 [\_\_] 3 [\_\_] 4 (low)  Comments: |
| **8. Featured outcome of standard/implementation resource**  *The proposed implementation resource will assist NPPO’s appropriately implement the concepts of official control and pest free areas, thereby supporting international trade and minimising risks posed by established plant pests.*  *This implementation resource would:*   * *articulate the level of phytosanitary activities and evidence required to justify official control and pest free area claims* * *include cases studies and examples of real-life application of official control and pest free areas; and* * *identify the differences between official control and pest free area.*   *While this implementation resource will directly address ISPM 4 and ISPM 5; Supplement 1, it will also link with other ISPMs (ISPM 26 Establishment of pest free areas for fruit flies and IPSM 29 Recognition of pest free areas and areas of low pest prevalence).* |
| ***9. Contribution to filling the gaps of the Framework for Standards and Implementation:*** *(2 lines max)*  *This proposal addresses the Framework for Standards and Implementations gap number 28 Requirements for the establishment of pests free areas (ISPM 4) and number 29 Requirements for the establishment of pest free places of production and pest free production sites (ISPM 10).* |
| **10. Summary of justification for the proposal** (2 lines max)  *Implementation resources for official control and pest free areas will provide assistance and guidance to NPPOs on an important concepts that need to be appropriately implemented to minimise trade barriers while ensuring appropriate phytosanitary measures that mitigate plant pest risks are applied.* |

**Criteria for justification and prioritization of proposed topics[[2]](#footnote-2):**

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| Submissions should address the applicable criteria for justification of the proposal (as listed below). Where possible, information in support of the justification and that may assist in the prioritization should be indicated.  All core criteria must be addressed; supporting criteria should be addressed if applicable.  Priority will be given to topics with the largest global impact. |
| **Core criteria (must provide information. It is expected that all submissions meet the following core**  **criteria)** |
| Contribution to the purpose of the IPPC as described in article I.1.  *The proposed implementation resource will provide guidance and clarity to NPPOs on the development and implementation of official control and pest free areas for the purpose of preventing the spread and introduction of pests of plants and plant products, and to promote appropriate measures for their control. The resulting guidance material will allow NPPOs to harmonise legislative, technical and administrative measures through clearly identifying the phytosanitary activities required to justify claims of official control and pest free areas. The material will also identify the differences between phytosanitary activities for pest free areas and official control.* |
| Linkage to IPPC Strategic Objectives (SOs) and Organizational results demonstrated.  *The IPPC has highlighted the need to improve global food security through creating an international framework to protect agriculture areas from the spread of pests. This is captured through objectives A and B which protect sustainable agriculture and enhance global food security through the prevention of pest spread and protect the environment, forests and biodiversity from plant pests. The proposed implementation material will enhance the current framework (ISPM 4 and ISPM 5; Supplement 1) by identifying the level of information needed to justify claims of official control and clearly identify the differences between activities to justify pest free areas and official control.* |
| Feasibility of implementation at the global level (consider ease of implementation, technical complexity, capacity of NPPO(s) to implement, relevance for more than one region).  *The appropriate use of official control and pest free areas is important for controlling pests and facilitating safe trade globally.*  *Recently, the IPPC and Asia and Pacific Plant Protection Commission (APPPC) have concentrated on the implementation of ISPM 6 – Surveillance to build the capacity of members to conduct plant pest surveillance. This has included an IPPC surveillance implementation pilot and the APPPC are progressing a six year surveillance implementation plan with a series of workshops to support implementing surveillance within the region that is expected to be completed in 2020.*  *This implementation resource will be a natural progression from this work on ISPM 6 to assist and improve NPPOs capabilities to develop national systems that can appropriately implement the required activities to justify pest status determinations for official control and pest free areas.* |
| Clear identification of the problems that need to be resolved through the development of the standard or implementation resource.  *There is confusion globally on the information required to support claims of official control and pest free areas. Furthermore, there is confusion between these two concepts and when they are applicable. This confusion can lead to phytosanitary measures that are not technically justified where official control and pest free areas are incorrectly declared. This can also lead to the global spread of pests when appropriate mechanisms are not in place to prevent the spread of pests from areas of official control or to pest free areas.*  *There could be global benefit in identifying pest specific requirements for declaring official control or establishing pest free areas.* |
| Availability of, or possibility to collect, information in support of the proposed standard or implementation resource (e.g. scientific, historical, technical information, experience).  *Resources and outcomes from the APPPC six year surveillance plan could be used for the IPPC implementation resource. The 6th year of the plan will focus on the use of surveillance records to make claims for pest free areas or to delimit or maintain an area under official control.*  *The existing work by the IC on implementation for pest free areas that has been put on hold, could be expanded upon to include official control.* |

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| **Supporting criteria (information may be provided, as appropriate):** |
| **Supporting criteria (Practical)**   1. Is there a regional standard and/or implementation resource on the same topic already available and used by NPPOs, RPPOs or international organizations. 2. Availability of expertise needed to develop the proposed standard and/or implementation resource. |
| **Supporting criteria (Economic)**   1. Estimated value of the plants protected. 2. Estimated value of trade including new trade opportunities affected by the proposed standard and/or implementation resource (e.g. volume of trade, value of trade, the percentage of Gross Domestic Product of this trade) if appropriate. |
| **Supporting criteria (Environmental)**   1. Utility to reduce the potential negative environmental consequences of certain phytosanitary measures, for example reduction in global emissions for the protection of the ozone layer. 2. Utility in the management of non-indigenous species which are pests of plants (such as some invasive alien species). 3. Contribution to the protection of the environment, through the protection of wild flora, and their habitats and ecosystems, and of agricultural biodiversity. |
| **Supporting criteria (Strategic)**   1. Extent of support for the proposed standard and/or implementation resource (e.g. one or more NPPOs or RPPOs have requested it, or one or more RPPOs have adopted a standard on the same topic). 2. Frequency with which the issue to be addressed, as identified in the submission emerges as a source of trade disruption (e.g. disputes or need for repeated bilateral discussions, number of times per year trade is disrupted). 3. Relevance and utility to developing countries. 4. Coverage (application to a wide range of countries/pests/commodities). 5. Complements other standards and/or implementation resources (e.g. potential for the standard to be used as part of a systems approach for one pest, complement treatments for other pests). 6. Conceptual standard and/or implementation resource to address fundamental concepts (e.g. treatment efficacy, inspection methodology). 7. Urgent need for the standard and/or implementation resource. |
| **Diagnostic protocols are subject to additional criteria. For proposals for DPs, please elaborate on the following criteria to help the future consideration of the subject proposed:**   * Need for international harmonization of the diagnostic techniques for the pest (e.g. due to difficulties in diagnosis or disputes on methodology) * Relevance of the diagnosis to the protection of plants including measures to limit the impact of the pest. * Importance of the plants protected on the global level (e.g. relevant to many countries or of major importance to a few countries). * Volume/importance of trade of the commodity that is subjected to the diagnostic procedures (e.g. relevant to many countries or of major importance to a few countries). * Other criteria for topics as determined by CPM that are relevant to determining priorities * Balance between pests of importance in different climatic zones (temperate, tropics etc.) and commodity classes. * Number of labs undertaking the diagnosis. * Feasibility of production of a protocol, including availability of knowledge and expertise. |
| **Literature review**[[3]](#footnote-3) (This section will provide a **summary of the topic** based on scientific and technical publications, including a referenced **list of literature reviewed**. This will help provide the scientific basis for the content of the standard/implementation resource to be used by the selected experts during the development of the standard/implementation resource)**.** |

**Send submissions to:** **Address:** IPPC Secretariat (AGDI)

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**Draft outline**

**Implementation of official control (ISPM 5; Supplement 1) and pest free areas (ISPM 4).**

**Title**

1. Implementation of official control (ISPM 5; Supplement 1) and pest free areas (ISPM 4).

**[Reason for the implementation material]**

1. There is confusion globally on the information required to support claims of official control and pest free areas. Furthermore, there is confusion between these two concepts and when they are applicable. This confusion can lead to phytosanitary measures that are not technically justified where official control and pest free areas are incorrectly declared. This can also lead to the global spread of pests when appropriate mechanisms are not in place to prevent the spread of pests from areas of official control or to pest free areas.
2. This implementation resource will provide NPPOs with the necessary guidance for identifying pest specific requirements for declaring official control or establishing pest free areas.

**Scope**

1. This implementation resource will:
   1. Articulate the level of phytosanitary activities and evidence required to justify official control and pest free area claims
   2. Include case studies and examples of real-life application of official control and pest free areas; and
   3. Identify the differences between official control and pest free areas and where each is applicable.

**Purpose**

1. Implementation resources for official control and pest free areas will provide assistance and guidance to NPPOs on important concepts that need to be appropriately implemented to minimise trade barriers while ensuring appropriate phytosanitary measures that mitigate plant pest risks are applied.

**Tasks**

1. The expert drafting group (EDG) should undertake the following tasks:
2. Identify relevant standards and whether information contained in those should contribute to implementation material.
3. Consider existing implementation material in preparation by the IC on pest free areas.
4. Develop pest specific examples of phytosanitary requirements and evidence needed to justify official control and pest free areas.
5. Identify examples of established, recognized pest free areas and pests under official control.
6. Identify the differences between official control and pest free areas including where each is applicable.

**References**

1. The IPPC, relevant ISPMs and other national, regional and international standards and agreements as may be applicable to the tasks, and discussion papers submitted in relation to this work.

**Discussion papers**

1. Participants and interested parties are encouraged to submit discussion papers to the IPPC Secretariat ([ippc@fao.org](mailto:ippc@fao.org)) for consideration by the EDG.

1. IPPC Standard Setting Procedure Manual URL: <https://www.ippc.int/en/publications/85024/> [↑](#footnote-ref-1)
2. As agreed by CPM-13 (2018) [↑](#footnote-ref-2)
3. As agreed by CPM-7 (2012) and CPM-11 (2016). [↑](#footnote-ref-3)