DRAFT SPECIFICATION FOR ISPM: Field Certification for export oriented fruits and vegetables

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Title

[1] Field Certification for export oriented fruits and vegetables.

Reason for the standard

[2] In line with the purpose of NPPO is to prevent the introduction and spread of plant pests the development of proper procedure to obtain plant products from the pest free site is a prerequisite for phytosanitary certification especially for fresh fruits and vegetable aiming to prevent the internal feeding pests like fruit fly, melon fly, pod borer etc. Further, plant microorganisms such as virus, fungi, bacteria and other organism also considered as quarantine or regulated pests. To obtain a pest free product from the production site it should have proper procedure to certify the field as pest free production site or certified field as pest free. Certification of field as being free of pest was done an individual country basis resulted in lack of standardization between countries. As such development of proper guideline to ensure the pest free status throughout the value chain of production cycle is immense important for international trade facilitation especially for fruits and vegetables where pest mitigation practices cannot be effectively manage through standard regular programs like visual inspection and laboratory testing. Under this situation the pest mitigation strategies should be employed at the point of origin or at the crop establishment and verified at the point of arrival of the system. The aim of development of this ISPM is to full the specific are taken from the pest free site of production.

Scope

[3] To ensure the pest free status throughout the value chain of production cycle of export oriented fruits and vegetables.

Purpose

[4] Export facilitation of perishable commodities which are impossible to prove pest free status through visual inspection and non-destructive methods.

Tasks

(1) Review the existing standards and guidelines for the production of pest free fruits and vegetables;

(2) Review the pgytosanitory standards required by different countries for the exportation of fruits and vegetables;

(3) Review existing procedures in different countries for field certification if such is available;

(4) Develop an internationally accepted procedure for field certification which is feasible for all the countries;

(5) Consider whether the ISPM could affect in a specific way (positively or negatively) the protection of biodiversity and the environment. If this is the case, the impact should be identified, addressed and clarified in the draft ISPM;

(6) Consider implementation of the standard by contracting parties and identify potential operational and technical implementation issues. Provide information and possible recommendations on these issues to the Standards Committee (SC).

Provision of resources

[5] Funding for the meeting may be provided from sources other than the regular programme of the IPPC (FAO). As recommended by ICPM-2 (1999), whenever possible, those participating in standard setting activities voluntarily fund their travel and subsistence to attend meetings. Participants may request financial assistance, with the understanding that resources are limited and the priority for financial assistance is given to developing country participants. Please refer to the *Criteria used for prioritizing participants to receive travel assistance to attend meetings organized by the IPPC Secretariat* posted on the International Phytosanitary Portal (IPP) (see https://www.ippc.int/en/core-activities/).

Collaborator

[6] To be determined.

Steward

[7] Please refer to the *List of topics for IPPC standards* posted on the International Phytosanitary Portal (IPP) (see https://www.ippc.int/core-activities/standards-setting/list-topics-ippc-standards).

Expertise

[8] Five to seven experts with a wide knowledge and experience in in one or more of the following areas: the development and/or implementation of phytosanitary measures to develop pest free fruits and vegetables for exportation, pest risk analysis (PRA), and use of integrated measures in systems approaches. At least one person with knowledge of existing international phytosanitory measures.

Participants

[9] [To be determined.]

References

[10] 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

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