Submissions for topics for Standards and Implementation

1. General information

Submission number	2021-015
Title of Proposal	ISPM 31 - Methodologies for sampling of consignments
Submitted by	IPPC Contracting Party Kenya

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3. Summary of proposal

Summary of justification for the proposal	Many countries apply the provisions of the statistical based sampling methods of ISPM 31 during sampling for both import and export certification. The confidence level indicates the probability that a consignment with a degree of infestation exceeding the level of detection will be detected. A confidence level of 95% is commonly used. Section 3.1.1.3 of ISPM 31 provides that the NPPO may choose to require different confidence levels depending on the intended use of the commodity. For example, a higher confidence level for detection may be required for commodities for planting than for commodities for consumption, and the confidence level may also vary with the strength of the phytosanitary measures applied and historical evidence of non-compliance. The standard does not provide guidance on the variation based on the phytosanitary measures applied to consignments prior to exit point inspection and historical evidence of non- compliance. This therefore leaves the decision of the variation to NPPOs who mostly vary when carrying out import inspection at their borders but require exporting NPPOs to apply the provisions of the ISPM as they are. This is often not practical as many NPPOs are moving towards a systems approach where integrated measures are applied across the value chain.
Expected outcome of standard / implementation resource	The proposed revision will provide a harmonized application of the standard.
Contribution to filling gaps in the Framework for Standards and Implementation	Risk based inspection of imported consignments (2018-022, Pending).

4. Type of proposed material

Proposed material	Standards
Type	Revision/Amendment of standard ISPM 31

5. Criteria for justification and prioritization of proposed topics

5.1. Core criteria

Core Criteria	Information provided by Submitter
1. Contribution to the purpose of the IPPC as described in article I.1	Harmonized application of the standard.
2. Linkage to IPPC SOs and Organizational results demonstrated	Strategic objective C: Facilitate safe trade, development and economic growth.
3. Feasibility of implementation at the global level	This review will be highly welcomed by many NPPOs who struggle to apply the standard as is.
4. Clear identification of the problems that need to be resolved through the development of the standard or implementation resource	Review of the ISPM 31 to provide guidance on application including of confidence levels during sample size determination where other phytosanitary measures have been applied prior to the consignments being presented for exit point inspection. A guide on application of the ISPM can be provided in form of an annex to the ISPM.
5. Availability of, or possibility to collect, information in support of the proposed standard or implementation resource	Mathematical models are available.

5.2. Supporting criteria

Supporting Criteria	Information provided by Submitter
Practical	There are various interpretations by NPPOs which can be collected.