



# COMMISSION ON PHYTOSANITARY MEASURES

## Sixteenth Session

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## CPM recommendations

## Agenda item 10

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## I. Introduction

1. A Commission on Phytosanitary Measures (CPM) Recommendation is an adopted text by the Commission on important issues related to plant health, either to promote action on a specific phytosanitary issue or to address a more generalized issue. It covers issues or actions that national plant protection organizations (NPPOs) and regional plant protection organizations (RPPOs) have some influence, authority or competence to address. It also provides practical guidance and support for improving the implementation of the convention, a specific international standard for phytosanitary measure (ISPM) or set of ISPMs.

2. The Commission have been adopting CPM Recommendations for many years<sup>1</sup>.

3. A contracting party (CP) or the IPPC Secretariat (the Secretariat), following the CPM Recommendations process and the agreed criteria<sup>2</sup>, may propose a topic for a CPM Recommendation and present it to the CPM.

4. An initial draft of the proposed CPM Recommendation and the rationale or justification for its need should be presented to the CPM for consideration through the IPPC Secretariat ([ippc@fao.org](mailto:ippc@fao.org)). In case where the CPM agrees with the proposal, the consultation period will be for a period of three months and it will start on the 01 July of that year via the Online Comment System (OCS).

<sup>1</sup> CPM Recommendations adopted: <https://www.ippc.int/en/core-activities/governance/cpm/cpm-recommendations-1/cpm-recommendations/>

<sup>2</sup> CPM Recommendations process: <https://www.ippc.int/en/core-activities/governance/cpm/cpm-recommendations-1/cpm-recommendations/recommendations-procedure/>

## II. Review of CPM Recommendations in the work programme

### A. B. "Facilitating safe trade by reducing the incidence of contaminating pests associated with traded goods (2019-002)"

5. The draft CPM Recommendation on the topic "Facilitating safe trade by reducing the incidence of contaminating pests associated with traded goods (2019-002)" has been added to the CPM work programme by the CPM-14 (2019). It was further developed, as requested at CPM-14, through an international workshop and virtual drafting groups. The IPPC Strategic Planning Group (SPG) in 2019<sup>3</sup> recommended to CPM-15 for consideration in view of its approval for consultation. Under exceptional circumstances in the process, the CPM-15 (2021) approved the draft text to consultation period.

6. Following this request, the Secretariat circulated the draft CPM recommendation for country consultation between 1 July and 30 September 2021 using the OCS, with a view to presenting a final version for adoption.

7. At the June 2021 CPM Bureau meeting, after industry request, the Bureau agreed to grant access to comment on this draft CPM Recommendation to: Cargo Integrity Group - the Container Owners Association (COA), the Global Shippers Forum (GSF), the International Cargo Handling Co-ordination Association (ICHCA), the TT Club and the World Shipping Council (WSC). The CPM Bureau also encouraged the private sector representatives to present their comments through their respective NPPOs or RPPOs, in accordance with the Convention, for any other draft under consultation process.

8. During the consultation period, 174 comments were received (compiled comments are publically available on the International Phytosanitary Portal (IPP)<sup>4</sup>.) and have been addressed by the submitting country and the Secretariat to the maximum extent possible.

9. Most of the contracting parties supported this CPM Recommendation. However, some expressed that it needed more clarity regarding the implementation by NPPOs or RPPOs. Other comments suggested that more specific examples could be given in the text. Text was adjusted, revised and more clarity was incorporated to ensure a better understanding of the text and the recommendations to the NPPOs and RPPOs.

10. Many incorporated comments were related to the use of terminology and scope consistent with the International Plant Protection Convention (IPPC) and International Standard for Phytosanitary Measures (ISPM) 5 (Glossary of phytosanitary terms).

11. Revised text with supporting documents was presented to the CPM Bureau's (Bureau) December 2021 virtual meeting. The Bureau considered that there was a need to still add more elements regarding potential regulatory consequences of non-compliance, pest interceptions or other evidence of pest contamination. It was agreed to include such elements and that the draft text be presented again to the Bureau via email for final approval to be presented to CPM-16 for adoption. The draft text is now being presented to the CPM-16 for adoption, as contained in 2022/06\_01.

## III. Decisions

12. The CPM is invited to:

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<sup>3</sup> <https://www.ippc.int/en/core-activities/governance/strategic-planning-group/>

<sup>4</sup> Compiled comments on draft CPM Recommendation "Facilitating safe trade by reducing the incidence of contaminating pests associated with traded goods (2019-002)": <https://www.ippc.int/en/core-activities/governance/cpm/current-consultations-for-cpm-recommendations/>

- 1) *adopt* the draft CPM Recommendation “ Reduction of the incidence of contaminating pests associated with regulated and unregulated articles to protect plant resources and facilitate safe trade (2019-002)” contained in CPM 2022/06\_01.
- 2) *discuss* and *agree* for inclusion in the work programme to any new proposals for CPM Recommendations.