



## IPPC Webinar

### Commodity standards – A New Time for IPPC Community

16 February 2022

9:00-11:00 (Rome time) or 17:00-19:00 (Rome time)

Interpretation in all FAO official languages: English; French; Spanish; Arabic; Chinese; Russian

#### CONCEPT NOTE

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#### Background

- [1] A key element of the IPPC's work is to safeguard plant-based agriculture, the environment and to facilitate safe trade. As part of this effort, the new [IPPC Strategic Framework 2020-2030](#) includes the development of commodity and pathway-specific standards. An expected key result area is that by 2030 commodity-specific standards, with harmonized phytosanitary measures, have facilitated and accelerated trade negotiations and simplified safe trade in plant products.
- [2] The Commission on Phytosanitary Measures (CPM)-14 noted that the strategic value and purpose of commodity standards included facilitation of safe trade, harmonization of measures, optimization of the efficiency of resource usage, support and assistance to developing countries, and maintaining the relevance and influence of the IPPC. Commodity standards present a new direction for the IPPC, and it is recognized that this new direction may represent a challenge for the international phytosanitary community.
- [3] According to the IPPC Strategic Framework 2020-2030, the future standard setting work will focus more and more on commodity- or pathway-specific topics rather than on broad conceptual and foundational issues. At present, there are seven [adopted standards](#) that can be considered as pathways standards: ISPM 15, ISPM 33, ISPM 36, ISPM 38, ISPM 39, ISPM 40, and ISPM 41. These cover wood packaging material, movement of seed, wood, growing media, and used vehicles, machinery, and equipment, as well as measures for plants for planting. More recently, a [draft ISPM: Commodity specific standards for phytosanitary measures \(2019-008\)](#) has been developed and will include annexes for specific commodities. This draft ISPM is being presented to CPM-16 for adoption in 2022.

#### Objective

- [4] The overall objective of the webinar is to enhance understanding of the IPPC community about the development agenda item of the IPPC Strategic Framework on commodity standards.
- [5] As specific objectives, it is intended to enhance the knowledge on the concept of commodity standards, project upcoming work, and provide an update on progress with regard to the draft commodity-based standards for phytosanitary measures. Also, to familiarize the IPPC community with the [Specification \(TP 6\)](#) of the Technical Panel on Commodity Standards (TPCS) and the expected work of the panel, as well as to promote submissions during the call for experts for the technical panel.
- [6] The webinar will also allow discussions on potential partnerships and networks for the development of specific commodity standards.

#### Expected outputs

- [7] Increased understanding of the:
  - strategic value and principles of commodity standards;

- draft “concept ISPM” on commodity-specific standards;
- process for standard setting including calls for topics, and ways to gather information on pests and measures;
- role of the TPCS and experts in standard drafting;
- discussions on regional and global networks and partnerships that the IPPC community may build to develop sound commodity-specific standards.

### **Expected outcomes**

- raised awareness among the IPPC community on the progress with regards to commodity standards;
- increased understanding of the requirements and work of the members of TPCS;
- identified potential partners for developing commodity standards at the regional and global levels.

### **Participants**

- NPPO staff, other relevant stakeholders.

### **Location and dates**

- The webinar will take place virtually on **16 February 2022 (Wednesday)**:
  - **9:00-11:00 (2 hours, Rome time)**; or
  - **17:00-19:00 (2 hours, Rome time)**

### **Language**

- The webinar will be held in English with simultaneous interpretation into French, Spanish, Arabic, Chinese, Russian.

### **The programme: In an interview-style format, the panellists will address points on:**

- The concept around the IPPC commodity standards
- The key principles
- The development process of the commodity-based “over-arching” draft ISPM and its the main points (this draft ISPM is being presented to the CPM-16 (2022) for adoption)
- The approved [Specification TP6](#) of the Technical Panel on Commodity Standards (TPCS), soon to start operating
- Potential partnerships and networks for development of specific commodity standards, focusing on the work of the Technical Panel
- Potential benefits and challenges in implementing the IPPC commodity standards, with a focus for developing countries and least developed countries (LDC)
- Some examples and lessons learned of the development of regional commodity-based standards for phytosanitary measures: the example of the APPPC of the mango fruit standard for phytosanitary measures
- Projections of future work on the IPPC commodity standards

**Panelists:**



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<sup>1</sup> The [Standard Setting Unit \(SSU\) of the IPPC Secretariat](#)