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# IPPC Standard Setting Procedure an overview

## How to get involved – A Canadian perspective

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## How to get involved in the submission of a topic for an ISPM or implementation resource

As agreed by the CPM, a combined Call for Topics for Standards and Implementation resources for inclusion in the IPPC work programme is held every two years.

### **Topics for ISPMs may include the following:**

- New topics for International Standards for Phytosanitary Measures (ISPMs);
- New components to existing ISPMs, such as supplements, annexes, appendices, or glossary terms;
- Revisions or amendments to adopted ISPMs, supplements, annexes, appendices, or glossary terms;
- Pests for which a new diagnostic protocol should be developed.

### **Implementation resources:**

- New implementation resources (e.g. guides, e-Learning courses, training kits, videos);
- Revisions to existing IPPC implementation resources.

## How to get involved in the submission of a topic for an ISPM

Useful resources to consider when drafting a proposal:

- Text of the IPPC
- 2020-2030 IPPC Strategic Framework
- IPPC Procedure manual for standard setting
- List of topics for IPPC Standards
- List of Implementation and Capacity Development (ICD) Topics
- Framework for Standards and Implementation

All of the above resources are available on the International Phytosanitary Portal

## Recent Canadian proposal for the development of an implementation resource

- Draft ISPM on Audit in the phytosanitary context was well advanced
- Consultation with SME within the NPPO to identify needs for standards or ICD material
- Review of Framework for Standards and Implementation to identify any gaps
- Proposal to develop a guide on performing audits in the phytosanitary to help contracting parties implement the ISPM *Audit in the phytosanitary context* once it will be adopted
- Proposal submitted and recommended by the Task Force on Topics

## Canadian proposal for the development of an ISPM – Authorization of entities to perform phytosanitary action

- Concept of authorization is used widely within NPPOs to perform various phytosanitary actions
- Canada saw an opportunity to develop an ISPM on this topic to provide guidance to NPPO
- Submission was supported and the topic identified as a priority
- Expert working group met in 2017
- *ISPM Requirements for national plant protection organizations if authorizing entities to perform phytosanitary actions* was adopted in 2021

## Tips when submitting a proposal

- Start early
- Consult SME within your NPPO, industry and if necessary other government departments to identify needs but also be used to confirm that the proposed standard/ICD material is needed/warranted.
- Invest time to prepare a robust proposal that is well documented that will be assessed by the Task Force of Topics
- Consult your respective SC and IC members from your region as appropriate
- Garner support

## Hosting of an experts working group

Canada has hosted on various occasions expert working groups to draft ISPM. Recent examples include:

- EWG tasked with drafting the ISPM “Authorization of entities to perform phytosanitary action” in 2017
- EWG tasked with drafting the ISPM: Audit in the phytosanitary context in 2019
- Upcoming EWG meeting to draft an Annex on Use of systems approaches in managing the pest risks associated with the movement of wood to ISPM 39 will be hosted by Canada in 2022

## Selection of experts and hosting IPPC Expert working Groups

- Identification of potential expert within your NPPO is a critical step
- Different approaches can be taken for the identification of experts. Consultation and outreach is key
- Providing support to identified expert to develop a robust submission package aligned with expertise sought is important
- When expert is selected, preparation is an important element e.g. developing a discussion paper on the topic
- If possible, secure funding from the host country to help organize the meeting
- Working closely with IPPC Secretariat to identify/select venue and providing logistical support is an important aspect
- Start early and keep lines of communication open throughout the process
- If possible, organize a field trip during the EWG meeting to demonstrate some practical aspects of the ISPM being drafted





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# Thank you

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