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1. Opening of the Meeting

1.1 Welcome by the IPPC Secretariat

- [1] The Standard Setting Officer, Adriana G. MOREIRA, from the International Plant Protection Convention (IPPC) Secretariat (hereafter referred to as “the secretariat”), welcomed the participants to the first virtual meeting of the Technical Panel on Commodity Standards (TPCS).
- [2] The secretariat Standard Setting Unit (SSU) lead, Avetik NERSISYAN, wished the TPCS members success in their work on an interesting, important and challenging topic. He congratulated the newly appointed Chairperson of the Standards Committee (SC), Sophie PETERSON, extending the good wishes to the Steward and Assistant Steward of this panel (TPCS), Samuel BISHOP and Joanne WILSON, respectively. He also mentioned the expectations towards this panel and the commitment to provide quality work, which will lean on the support of the secretariat.
- [3] The participants gave a brief self-introduction focused on their professional background and prospects for the technical panel.
- [4] The secretariat reminded the participants about the main documents to follow, the five years commitment of the panel and the current timeline, where it is foreseen that the first specific commodity standard on mango fruits be adopted by the Commission on Phytosanitary Measures (CPM) in 2025.

2. Meeting arrangements

2.1 Selection of the Chairperson

- [5] The TPCS selected Samuel BISHOP (Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, DEFRA, United Kingdom) as Chairperson of the meeting.

2.2 Selection of the Rapporteur

- [6] The TPCS selected Lihong ZHU (Ministry for Primary Industries, New Zealand) as Rapporteur.

2.3 Adoption of the agenda

- [7] The TPCS adopted the agenda (Appendix 1).

3. Administrative matters

- [8] The secretariat introduced the participants list (Appendix 2) and invited the participants to notify the Secretariat if any changes were needed to the information, as it is reflected in the TPCS membership list on the International Phytosanitary Portal (IPP – www.ippc.int).

4. TPCS work programme

4.1. Presentation of the standard setting process

- [9] The standard setting procedure, including the operation and roles in a technical panel and a tentative timeline for the TPCS work, was presented by the secretariat.
- [10] One TPCS member asked for clarification on the topics that will be developed by the technical panel besides the one on mango fruits. The chairperson explained that “mango fruits” was the first topic proposed via call for topics and approved to be added to the TPCS work programme, and agreed that other topics are expected to be submitted and developed over the next five years, these are likely to be done simultaneously. The secretariat reminded the participants that another IPPC call for topics: standards and implementation is planned to happen in 2023. It was also noted that the specification for the mango fruits is not yet finally approved by the SC but going for the IPPC consultation period in July 2022. Therefore, the work of the panel on this topic will just start once the SC approves the final specification, which is expected for November 2022.

- [11] The chairperson suggested to the TPCS members to get familiarized with the [IPPC procedure manual for standard setting](#), which is linked on the agenda of this meeting.

4.2. Review of Specification and considerations for the development of the work programme

- [12] The chairperson and secretariat highlighted that the TPCS will follow the approved [Specification TP 6](#). However, details will be discussed in the next TPCS meeting with more time available.

4.3 Tentative next steps

- [13] The secretariat presented the tentative timeline for the commodity standards topics, in which the SC still needs to finally approve the specification for the mango fruits, which is most likely to happen in November 2022, thus a face-to-face meeting of the TPCS is planned to happen in January 2023. The chairperson pointed out the long gap between this meeting and the next one expected to be held in January 2023 and suggested that other aspects could be discussed in the meantime. Discussion topics could be the determination of criteria to include phytosanitary measures in a commodity standard; the revision of the list of adopted standards that could be considered as a commodity standard, in line with the International Standard for Phytosanitary Measures (ISPM) 46 (Commodity-specific standards for phytosanitary measures). The chairperson also invited the TPCS to proceed with the identification of any adopted ISPMs to potentially become annexes to ISPM 46. He also remarked that a face-to-face meeting would be appropriate to work on the development of criteria mentioned before, considering that this task will be challenging.
- [14] The TPCS assistant steward pointed out that there is a need for further discussions on the criteria to include phytosanitary measures in a commodity standard, and that it could be either virtually or face-to-face, depending on the feasibility. Regarding the standard to be developed on mango fruits, she reminded the participants of the need to open a call for additional pests and phytosanitary measures before the January 2023 meeting, considering that a global standard will be developed.
- [15] The secretariat commented that the arrangements for a face-to-face meeting could be made and signalized that the TPCS members are able to travel. However, it pointed out that having two face-to-face meetings close to each other may not be possible but agreed to explore options to maximize the results and deliverables. Regarding the development of the criteria, the secretariat reminded the TPCS of the comment provided by Japan at the CPM-16¹, some criteria included in the ISPM 46 and some documents (e.g., Specification TP 6) that need to be revised as they were produced at different times, before the ISPM 46 and TPCS approvals. The secretariat also pointed out that there are considerable expectations on how the TPCS is going to operate and so transparency will be an important aspect of their work.
- [16] One TPCS member asked whether the call for papers and information material for mango fruits could be opened before the specification for the mango fruits is approved. She also asked about the differences between the criteria already included in the ISPM 46 and the ones expected to be developed by the TPCS. Lastly, she asked about the interaction between the TPCS and the Technical Panel on Phytosanitary Treatments (TPPT) regarding the proposal of phytosanitary treatments to the commodity standards.
- [17] The chairperson, and in this case also TPCS steward, responded to the three points raised, as follows. First, he asked the secretariat which SC meeting is likely to approve the draft specification on mango fruits. Regarding the criteria, he informed that besides the paper presented by Japan at CPM-16 on the development of criteria to include phytosanitary measures in the commodity standards, a SC member also expressed concerns on this matter during the last SC meeting. On the interaction between TPCS and TPPT, he mentioned that this is usual and beneficial, and should happen as needed.

¹ Adoption of International Standards for Phytosanitary Measures (ISPMs) - comments from Japan: <https://www.ippc.int/en/publications/90900/>

[18] The secretariat clarified that the draft specification will be discussed for approval at the SC November 2022 meeting once it will be submitted to consultation starting in July. The secretariat suggested consulting the SC during their July focused meeting if a call could be issued before the draft specification on mango fruits is approved. The chairperson suggested opening the call for information at the same time as the consultation period, to allow better coordination within regions. The secretariat confirmed that interaction between the panels is possible, especially at virtual meetings. The SC chairperson, present at the meeting, agreed that a call for information could be issued at the same time of the consultation period, but asked whether the SC should be previously consulted. The secretariat advised consulting the SC on the issue of the call, considering that it is a new panel and not all aspects are placed in the standard setting procedure. The SSU team lead advised the TPCS to be creative, considering that this is a new panel and some aspects that are being raised are not standardized yet.

[19] One TPCS member agreed to issue the call for information at the same time of the consultation period and point out that the specification for mango fruits, once approved, should not affect the call, as it would not be expected a huge change between the draft specification and the finalized specification. Furthermore the CPM-16 has already approved the development of the mango annex to ISPM 46 therefore making the call for information and case studies before the specification is consulted and finalized is justified. The SC chairperson commented on the possibility of having an e-decision for this. The secretariat reminded that the agenda of the SC July 2022 focused meeting has an update of the technical panels and the call for information could be included in the paper on the TPCS update. The SC chairperson reinforced that it is preferable to consult the SC prior to the consultation period, which starts on 1 July, and this could be done through an e-decision or an e-mail.

[20] The TPCS:

- (1) *agreed* to notify the secretariat if any changes were needed to the information in the TPCS membership list on the IPP (IPP – www.ippc.int).
- (2) *agreed* to consult the SC to open the call for information at the same time of the [IPPC consultation period](#) starting 1 July;
- (3) *asked* the secretariat to consider the possibility to have a face-to-face meeting to discuss the criteria to include phytosanitary measures in commodity standards prior to the tentative January 2023 meeting (the latter with the main objective to start drafting the annex “*International movement of mango (Mangifera indica) fruit to ISPM 46 (Commodity-specific standards for phytosanitary measures)*”).

5. Any Other Business

[21] There was no other business.

6. Close of the Meeting

[22] Prior to closing the meeting, the secretariat informed the TPCS of the next steps on the draft specification, the consultation period, the call for information and the expected meetings.

[23] The secretariat and the chairperson thanked the participants for their participation and closed the meeting.

Appendix 1: Agenda**TECHNICAL PANEL ON COMMODITY STANDARDS (TPCS)****31 May 2022 – Virtual Meeting****AGENDA**

Agenda Item	Document No.	Presenter
1. Opening of the Meeting		
1.1 Welcome by the IPPC Secretariat Introductions	--	MOREIRA / NERSISYAN ALL
2. Meeting Arrangements		
2.1 Selection of Chairperson	--	MOREIRA
2.2 Selection of the Rapporteur	--	Chairperson
2.3 Adoption of the Agenda	01_TPCS_Tel_2022_May	Chairperson
3. Administrative Matters		
3.1 - Participants List - TPCS membership list	02_TPCS_Tel_2022_May TPCS membership list	MANGILI
3.2 Connections to Zoom and virtual meetings	Short guidelines for participants	
4. TPCS work programme		
4.1 Presentation of the standard setting process	(see PPT) IPPC procedure manual for standard setting Terms of reference and rules of procedure for technical panels	MOREIRA / MANGILI
4.2 Review of Specification and considerations for the development of the work programme	Link to Specification TP 6 Link to ISPM 46	BISHOP/ WILSON / IPPC Secretariat / ALL
4.3 Tentative next steps	--	
5. Any other business	--	Chairperson
6. Closing of the meeting	--	MOREIRA / Chairperson

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