



**COMMISSION ON PHYTOSANITARY MEASURES**  
**SEVENTEENTH SESSION**  
**CPM RECOMMENDATIONS**

**AGENDA ITEM 11**

*(Prepared by the IPPC Secretariat)*

**Introduction**

- [1] A Commission on Phytosanitary Measures (CPM) Recommendation is an adopted text by the CPM 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).

**Review of CPM Recommendations in the work programme**

***“Sea containers (R-06) revision”***

- [5] The CPM-16 (2022) agreed to the revision of the CPM Recommendation on *Sea containers* (R-06)<sup>3</sup> originally adopted in 2017. The decision by the CPM was due the establishment of a CPM Focus Group on Sea Containers and it was recognised the CPM Recommendation R-06 should be retained and revised, either as an interim approach prior to the development of an ISPM, or as a final approach.
- [6] CPM Focus Group on Sea containers met several times during 2022, both virtually and in person and developed a draft revision of CPM Recommendation on Sea containers (R-06). Due to substantial changes to the existing CPM recommendations, the version provided as the Annex 1 to this paper does not have track changes.
- [7] The CPM Focus Group on Sea Containers revised the CPM Recommendation R-06 and the draft text is now being presented to the CPM-17 for approval for consultation period, as contained in CPM 2023/12\_01.

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

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

3 CPM Recommendation on Sea Containers (R-06): <https://www.ippc.int/en/publications/84233/>

- [8] The CPM Focus Group on Sea Containers also developed a leaflet as provided in CPM 2023/12\_01 Appendix 1.

### **Decisions**

- [9] The CPM-17 is invited to:
- (1) *discuss and agree* any new proposals for CPM Recommendations that may need to be included in the work programme.
  - (2) *discuss and agree* to the consultation period to start on 01 July 2023 for the draft revision of the CPM Recommendation on “*Sea containers (R-06)*” contained in CPM 2023/12\_01.