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CPM instruments (CPM Recommendations, ISPMs) - their purposes, benefits, and limitations

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International Plant Protection Convention (IPPC)

Purpose:

“protecting the world's plant resources from the spread and introduction of pests, and promoting safe trade”

Relates to plants, plant products and regulated articles

*any plant, plant product, storage place, packaging, **conveyance, container**, soil and any other organism, object or material capable of harbouring or spreading pests, deemed to require phytosanitary measures, particularly where international transportation is involved*

ARTICLE IV**General provisions relating to the organizational arrangements for national plant protection**

1. Each contracting party shall make provision, to the best of its ability, for an official national plant protection organization with the main responsibilities set out in this Article.
2. The responsibilities of an official national plant protection organization shall include the following:
 - (a) the issuance of certificates relating to the phytosanitary regulations of the importing contracting party for consignments of plants, plant products and other regulated articles;
 - (b) the surveillance of growing plants, including both areas under cultivation (*inter alia* fields, plantations, nurseries, gardens, greenhouses and laboratories) and wild flora, and of plants and plant products in storage or in transportation, particularly with the object of reporting the occurrence, outbreak and spread of pests, and of controlling those pests, including the reporting referred to under Article VIII paragraph 1(a);
 - (c) the inspection of consignments of plants and plant products moving in international traffic and, where appropriate, the inspection of other regulated articles, particularly with the object of preventing the introduction and/or spread of pests;
 - (d) the disinfection or disinfection of consignments of plants, plant products and other regulated articles moving in international traffic, to meet phytosanitary requirements;
 - (e) the protection of endangered areas and the designation, maintenance and surveillance of pest free areas and areas of low pest prevalence;
 - (f) the conduct of pest risk analyses;
 - (g) to ensure through appropriate procedures that the phytosanitary security of consignments after certification regarding composition, substitution and reinfestation is maintained prior to export; and
 - (h) training and development of staff.
3. Each contracting party shall make provision, to the best of its ability, for the following:
 - (a) the distribution of information within the territory of the contracting party regarding regulated pests and the means of their prevention and control;
 - (b) research and investigation in the field of plant protection;
 - (c) the issuance of phytosanitary regulations; and
 - (d) the performance of such other functions as may be required for the implementation of this Convention.
4. Each contracting party shall submit a description of its official national plant protection organization and of changes in such organization to the Secretary. A contracting party shall provide a description of its organizational arrangements for plant protection to another contracting party, upon request.



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(c) the inspection of consignments of plants and plant products moving in international traffic and, where appropriate, the inspection of other regulated articles, particularly with the object of preventing the introduction and/or spread of pests;

(d) the disinfection or disinfection of consignments of plants, plant products and other regulated articles moving in international traffic, to meet phytosanitary requirements;



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Core text and a number of tools to support contracting parties meet obligations and support implementation

- Implementation materials
- Commission for Phytosanitary Measures (CPM) Recommendations
- International Standards for Phytosanitary Measures (ISPMs)



Implementation materials

Developed through the Implementation and Capacity Development Committee (IC)

Drafted by specific groups working to a Specification outlining the needs and scope

Aimed at supporting implementation of:

- IPPC
- ISPMs
- Components of the convention and/or a number of ISPMs

Peer reviewed

Are not adopted by CPM and so do not require implementation or use



CPM Recommendations

Developed through the CPM Bureau or other small group of the CPM

Purpose

- Address plant health issues of importance and relevance to the needs of contracting parties
- Cover issues NPPOs or RPPOs have some influence, authority or competence over
- Offer practical guidance or support that is not possible for an ISPM at that time

Country consultation (after CPM approval)

No “requirements” - language is more “encouraging”

Adopted by CPM



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International Standards for Phytosanitary Measures (ISPMs)

Developed through the Standards Committee (SC)

Drafted by specific groups working to a Specification outlining the needs, scope and tasks

Two rounds of Country Consultation (after SC approval)

Contain “Requirements”

Adopted by CPM

Expected to be used and implemented





International Standards for Phytosanitary Measures (ISPMs)

Support implementation and meeting of IPPC obligations

Scope is determined by the specific need of contacting parties

Can accommodate different countries' needs

- E.g. ISPM 45 - Requirements for national plant protection organizations if authorizing entities to perform phytosanitary actions
- No requirement to authorise entities, but if done, this is the minimum standard to abide by

Audience is NPPOs, but can also outline responsibilities of others

- E.g. ISPM 45
- Outlines roles and responsibilities of entities, authorised and overseen by NPPOs



What we have already

CPM Recommendation 06: Sea Containers ([Sea containers - International Plant Protection Convention \(ippc.int\)](#))

- revised version being consulted ([Current consultations for CPM Recommendations - International Plant Protection Convention \(ippc.int\)](#))

Guides

- Sea container supply chains and cleanliness ([Sea container supply chains and cleanliness \(fao.org\)](#))
- Sea container surveys ([Sea Container Surveys \(fao.org\)](#))

ISPMs

- None specific to sea containers



Next steps

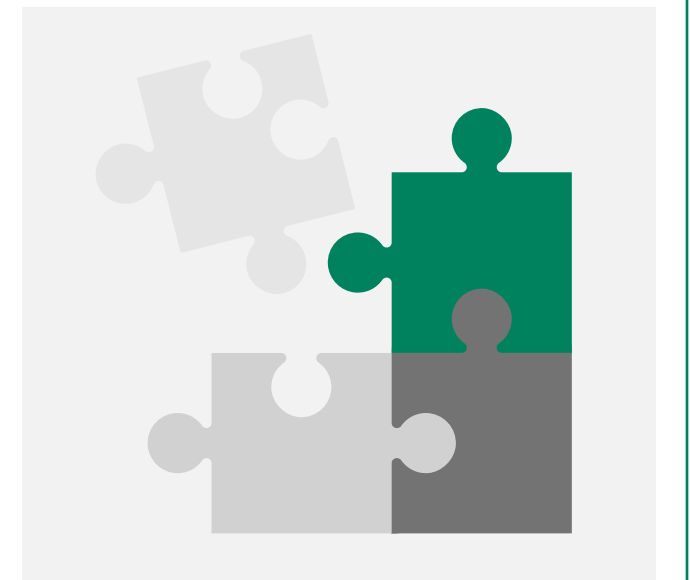
All options have their “Pros and Cons”

One type of document/tool unlikely to adequately cover the complexity

- Issue
- Stakeholders

Up to the CPM FG and the CPM to determine how to best address with all tools available

- Including through consultations like this Symposium





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Thank you

