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Update on Standards Committee activities (Standard Setting Unit of the IPPC Secretariat)

2023 IPPC Regional Workshops





Introduction

The Standard Setting Unit (SSU) of the IPPC Secretariat:

- coordinates the processes for **setting International Standards for Phytosanitary Measures (ISPMs)** and **Commission on Phytosanitary Measures (CPM) recommendations.**
- supports the **Standards Committee (SC), Standards Committee Working Group (SC-7), Technical Panels (TPs)** and **Expert Working Groups (EWGs).**
- provides support for **implementing the IPPC's strategic framework.**
- provides support to various **CPM focus groups.**

Highlight SSU supporting
CPM, CPM Bureau, SPG, CPM Focus Groups



SSU staff



Avetik Nersisyan

SSU Team Lead

- Overall coordination of the SSU
- Coordination of Standards Committee and SC-7 work program
- Coordination of the SC-SSU / IC-IFU interactions



Adriana G. Moreira (staff)

SSU Officer, Deputy to Team Lead

- TDPD and diagnostic related matters
- TPCS and commodity standards related matters
- CPM Focus Group on the Safe Provision of Food and other Humanitarian Aid



Artur Shamilov (staff)

SSU Officer

- TPG and ISPM 5 related matters
- CPM Focus Group on Sea Containers
- Draft ISPM: Field inspection (including growing season inspection) (Annex to ISPM 23)



Janka Kiss

SSU Phytosanitary Specialist (consultancy)

- TPPT and phytosanitary treatments related matters
- Call for phytosanitary treatments
- Draft ISPM: Revision of ISPM 26 (Establishment of pest free areas for fruit flies (Tephritidae))



Aixa Del Greco

SSU Specialist (consultant 60%)

- Coordination of Language Review Groups for adopted International Standards and relevant annexes.
- Focal point for co-publishing agreements for ISPMs
- Coordination of quality assurance of adopted ISPMs in all FAO languages, including implementation of ink amendments



Colleen Stirling

SSU Phytosanitary Specialist (in-kind contribution)

- Support CPM Focus Group on Sea Containers
- Providing guidance countries to carry out sea container surveys.
- Support the implementation of advance global sea container cleanliness.



SSU support staff



Daniel Torella
SSU Intern

- Support in TPG activities.
- Support in organization and undertaking of the SC 7.
- Coordinate SSU news items.



Emmanuel Piarhar Krah
SSU Intern

- Support in organization and undertaking of the SC and SC 7.
- Support in TPPT activities.
- Support in maintaining the IPPC automated calls.



Karen Rouen
Scientific copy editor (consultant 55%)

- Scientific copy editor of all IPPC standard setting documents
- Report writer for SC and virtual EWG meetings
- IPPC Style Guide



Lorenzo Monterosa
SSU Intern

- Coordinate SSU chronicles of events.
- Support in TPDP and TPCS activities.
- Support in organization and undertaking of the SC and SC 7.



Ilona Kudziyarava
General Staff

- Support in organization and undertaking of the SC and SC 7
- Logistics, travel, expenditures of all SSU meetings
- Budget tracking
- Administrative support to all SSU activities



Planned Standard Setting Unit work in 2023

- **Standards Committee May (SC May)** 08 to 12 May 2023
- **Standards Committee Working Group (SC-7)** 15 to 19 May 2023
- **Standards Committee November (SC November)** 13 to 17 November 2023
- **Expert Working Groups (EWGs)**
 - **EWG on the Revision of ISPM 26: (*Establishment of pest free areas for fruit flies (Tephritidae)*) (2021-010)**: 10 July–14 July 2023, Wellington, New Zealand
 - **EWG on the Field inspection Annex (2021-018) to ISPM 23**: 16 October –20 October 2023, Japan.

Planned Standard Setting Unit work in 2023 (cont'd)

- **Technical Panels (TPs)**
 - TP Commodity Standards (January, Tokyo)
 - TP Diagnostic Protocols (October, Paris)
 - TP Phytosanitary Treatments (October, Rome)
 - TP Glossary (December, Brazil)
- CPM Focus Group on the Safe Provisions of Food and other Humanitarian Aid – 06-10 February 2023 – Nadi, Fiji
- 2023 IPPC Call for topics for Standards and Implementation (05 May - 15 September)
- 2023 webinars on call for topic for Standards and Implementation – 20 June, 2023
- Sea containers international workshop on “Pest risk mitigation of sea containers and their cargoes and the facilitation of international trade - defining the way forward” – 17 July - 19 July - Brisbane, Australia



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Standard Committee (SC) & Standard Committee Working Group (SC-7)

SC: 08-12 May 2023



SC-7: 15-19 May 2023





Draft ISPMs for first consultation

Draft ISPMs approved by SC May 2023

- Reorganization and revision of pest risk analysis standards (2020-001), priority 1;
- Draft annex to ISPM 46 (*Commodity-based standards for phytosanitary measures*): International movement of mango (*Mangifera indica*) fruit (2021-011), priority 1; and
- Draft annex to ISPM 39 (*International movement of wood*): Use of systems approaches in managing the pest risks associated with the movement of wood (2015-004), priority 3

Draft ISPMs annexes to ISPM 27 and ISPM 28 (approved via SC e-decision)

- Revision of DP 09: Genus *Anastrepha* Schiner (2021-002)
- Revision of DP 27: *Ips* spp. (2021-004)
- Revision of DP 25: *Xylella fastidiosa* (2021-003)
- Draft annex to ISPM 28: Vapour heat treatment for *Planococcus lilacinus* (2021-028)

Draft ISPMs approved for second consultation

Draft ISPMs approved by SC-7 May 2023

- Draft 2022 Amendments to ISPM 5 (*Glossary of phytosanitary terms*) (1994-001), priority 1
- Draft Annex: Criteria for evaluation of available information for determining host status of fruit to fruit flies to ISPM 37 (*Determination of host status of fruit to fruit flies (Tephritidae)*) (2018-011), priority 3

Draft ISPMs approved via SC e-decision

- Draft annex to ISPM 28: Cold treatment for *Thaumatotibia leucotreta* on *Citrus sinensis* (2017-079)

Draft ISPMs recommended by the SC for adoption by CPM

- Draft revision of ISPM 4 (*Requirements for the establishment of pest free areas*) (2009-002)
- Draft annex to ISPM 27: *Mononychellus tanajoa* (2018-006) (
- Draft annex to ISPM 27: Genus *Ceratitis* (2016-001)

Draft ISPMs not progressed by the Standard Committee

- Draft 2023 amendments to ISPM 5 (*Glossary of phytosanitary terms*) (1994-001)
- Draft annex to ISPM 38 (*International movement of seeds*): Design and use of systems approaches for phytosanitary certification of seeds (2018-009)
 - Outcome: *agreed* that a small working group of SC members would develop a paper for the SPG explaining concerns from SC members and on how a common understanding may be achieved within the IPPC community about what systems approaches are and how they are developed.
 - The CPM Bureau will be discussing and revising the paper prior the SPG.

Draft ISPM in the work programme

- Revision of ISPM 15 (*Regulation of wood packaging material in international trade*): Criteria for treatments for wood packaging material in international trade (2006-010)
 - Outcome: *agreed* that a new specification is needed to clarify the scope and purpose of the revision, which will be reviewed by the SC in November 2023.

1. Draft 2023 amendments to ISPM 5

SC outcomes:

- *emerging pest*: please refer to the next slide
- *removed* “visual examination” (2022-001) from the TPG’s work programme

Draft annex to ISPM 38

- *Agreed* that the SC working group should be formed and it started its work to last week.

Draft ISPM needing new Specification (Revision of ISPM 15)

Reason

Currently there is not an agreed framework for evaluating or assessing new treatments for wood packaging material. This gap is preventing assessment of alternative treatments for

using wood packaging material being assessed and adopted by the IPPC.

This item was included in the SC-7 agenda this and the SC-7 recommended that;

- the Secretariat to open SC e-decision to confirm the selection of the new Steward, Mr Harry ARJIS; and
- *Requested* the Steward to develop further the Specification drafted by the SC-7 and submit it to the SC in November 2023.



SC update on the progress of the term "Emerging Pest" to be included in ISPM 5 (Glossary On Phytosanitary Terms) (1994-001)

The CPM and several CPM bodies, including the Bureau, TC-RPPOs, SPG, SC and IC, have engaged in developing concepts on *emerging pest*.

The TPG submitted to the SC a proposed definition in 2019, which was then developed alongside the FG/POARS (now POARS Steering group) until 2022, and eventually submitted to the SC in May 2023 as it reads:

"A **pest** deemed to have the characteristics of a **quarantine pest** for an area, for which the **pest risk** has recently increased substantially, because of changes in **pest**-intrinsic factors, hosts, **pathways** or environment-related factors, and for which the potential **introduction**, **spread** and economic impact are likely to reach a pandemic level."

The SC in May 2023 agreed that the definition was not yet ready to be sent for consultation.

The SC *recommended* to the CPM Bureau that the POARS Steering Group continue the work of the CPM POARS Focus Group in developing criteria for what constitutes an **emerging pest**, with input as necessary from the TPG and taking account of the comments made at this meeting on the definition drafted by the TPG, and *invited* the CPM Bureau to advise on the next steps.

Other issues from SC May 2023

- 1) **Breaking news!!** The Standard Committee agreed to undertake an additional consultation period for DPs only in January 2024 (From 30 January to 30 June 2024);
- 2) The SC agreed on revisions to Specification TP 1 to keep it up to date (Technical Panel on Diagnostic Protocols);
- 3) The SC invited the secretariat and the TPCS to explore options on how to build a database on commodity standards;
- 4) The SC agreed to add a footnote to a adopted commodity standards that will be added as an ink amendment when there is evidence that a phytosanitary measure may no longer be effective or when there is a taxonomic change concerning a pest; and
- 5) The SC in May 2023 strongly encouraged submitters when submitting commodity standards proposals to also provide the Information Materials for Commodity Standards using the approved template that was approved by SC May 2023;
- 6) The SC agreed that TPPT members can actively seek out appropriate treatments and submit them as subjects for approval by the SC through an NPPO or RPPO;

1. **Technical Panel on Diagnostic Protocol (TPDP)**, the SC decided that due to the number and volume of DPs under development, an additional consultation period will be held in January 2024 for DPs only, as done before.
2. For **Specification TP 1 (Technical Panel on Diagnostic Protocols)**, the secretariat explained that the TPDP had proposed some draft amendments to the specification for the panel to bring it up to date. Although the SC agreed to these amendments, they did not discuss the associated proposal that the specification be revised to include the expert consultation step of DP development so that the specification is more accurate regarding the stages and steps to develop a DP.
3. The SC noted that the **development of a Commodity standards database** may provide an **opportunity for collaboration with the IC** and that there were synergies with the plans for a centre of excellence to be created within the secretariat.

1. The SC agreed that a phytosanitary measure included in a commodity standard may no longer be effective, or when there is a taxonomic change concerning a pest that is included in a commodity standard, **a footnote** to this effect be added to the annex as a variation of the ink-amendment process, as an interim solution until the commodity standard is revised.



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