



STANDARD SETTING ACTIVITIES UPDATE

1. Introduction

2. Planned Standard Setting work in 2023

- [1] Since the COVID-19 travel restrictions were lifted, more physical meetings have been organized, including the SC November 2022 meeting which was held in Rome. The SC May and SC-7 meetings took place physically in Rome at the FAO HQ, and the SC November meeting is also planned to take place physically in FAO HQ on the pre-agreed dates of;
- SC May: 08 to 12 May 2023;
 - SC-7: 15 to 19 May 2023; and
 - SC November: 13 to 17 November 2023.
- [2] In 2023, Expert Working Groups and Technical Panels are also planned to meet physically.
- [3] EWG on the Revision of ISPM 26 (Establishment of pest free areas for fruit flies (*Tephritidae*) ([Specification 75](#))). A face-to-face meeting took place 10 July–14 July 2023 in New Zealand. The IPPC Secretariat provided an overview of the guide to support the implementation of ISPM 26.
- [4] EWG on the Field inspection Annex (2021-018) to ISPM 23 ([Specification 74](#)). A face-to-face meeting is planned 16 October – 20 October 2023 in Tokyo, Japan.
- [5] Sea Containers International workshop on Pest risk mitigation of sea containers and their cargoes and the facilitation of international trade - defining the way forward took place in Brisbane, Australia 17-19 July, 2023.
- [6] A CPM Focus Group on Sea Containers was also organized in Brisbane, Australia. The meeting took place 20-21 July 2023.
- [7] A webinar on the 2023 Call for topics for standards and implementation material was organized on 20 June 2023.
- [8] All the [Technical Panels](#) will continue their work, and it is planned that they will meet this year. The Technical Panel on Commodity Standards for the first time had its face-to-face meeting in Tokyo, Japan in January 2023.

3. Streamlining the SSU activities

- the IPPC Online Commenting System is still used to facilitate the SC's work; and
- controlled process for the calls for EWG and TP experts – the Secretariat streamlines the submission processes by providing options to submit nominations via automatic online electronic forms. This approach is currently used for the 2023 Call for Topics submission process.

4. Communications

- IPPC brochure: Introduction to Phytosanitary terminology and Introduction for authors of IPPC diagnostic protocols are under revision and will be published in 2023.

5. Outcome of May 2023 SC meeting

5.1. Draft ISPMs for approval for consultation

- [9] The following draft ISPMs (including Annexes) were approved by the Standard Committee (May 2023) for submission for first consultation:

- 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.

[10] The following draft ISPMs were not approved by the Standard Committee (May 2023) for submission for first consultation:

- Draft annex to ISPM 38 (*International movement of seeds*): Design and use of systems approaches for phytosanitary certification of seeds (2018-009), priority 1.

[11] In addition, the SC reviewed the proposals for 2023 Draft Amendments to ISPM 5 (*Glossary of Phytosanitary Terms*) (1994-001), Priority 1, but decided not to proceed. The SC invited the Bureau to provide advice on the way forward for the term "emerging pest" to be included in the Glossary.

[12] The following draft ISPMs (including Annexes) were also approved by the Standard Committee working group (SC-7) (May 2023) for submission for second consultation:

- 2022 Amendments to ISPM 5 including deferred terms from 2021 Amendments: Glossary of phytosanitary terms (1994-001), Priority 1; and
- 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).

[13] The SC-7 also reviewed the proposed draft annex to ISPM 15 (*Regulation of wood packaging material in international trade*): Criteria for treatments for wood packaging material in international trade (2006-010), and decided that it needs a new specification.

[14] Via e-decision, the SC also approved the following annexes to adoption, first and second consultation respectively:

- Draft annexes for adoption:
 - o Draft annex to ISPM 27: *Mononychelus tanajoa* (2018-006)
 - o Draft annex to ISPM 27: Genus *Ceratitidis* (2016-001)
- Draft annexes for first consultation
 - o Revision of DP 09: Genus *Anastrepha* Schiner (2021-002)
 - o Revision of DP 27: *Ips* spp. (2021-004)
 - o Draft annex to ISPM 28: Vapour heat treatment for *Planococcus lilacinus* (2021-028)
- Draft annexes for second consultation
 - o Draft annex to ISPM 28: Cold treatment *Thaumatotibia leucotreta* on *Citrus sinensis* (2017-029)

5.2. Review of the Technical Panel's workplan

[15] In addition to the draft ISPMs (including Annexes) approved by the Standard Committee (SC) and Standard Committee Working Group (SC-7), the Standard Committee also reviewed the workplan of the Technical Panels and formulated some recommendations.

[16] Regarding the 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.

[17] 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.

- [18] Regarding the Technical Panel on Commodity Standards, 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.
- [19] 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.
- [20] The SC invited the TPCS to develop an annotated template for draft commodity standards once the first commodity standard has been adopted and requested that the secretariat archive this decision for future action by the TPCS;
- [21] Regarding the Technical Panel on Phytosanitary Treatments, 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;

6. Adoption by CPM-18 (2024)

- [22] The following ISPM was approved by the Standard Committee (May 2023) for adoption:
- Draft revision of ISPM 4 (*Requirements for the establishment of pest free areas*) (2009-002), priority 4.
 - Draft annex to ISPM 27: *Mononychelus tanajoa* (2018-006)
 - Draft annex to ISPM 27: Genus *Ceratitidis* (2016-001)

7. 2023 Call for Topic on Standards and Implementation

- [23] As agreed by the Commission on Phytosanitary Measures (CPM) at its 13th session, a combined Call for Topics for Standards and Implementation resources for inclusion in the IPPC work programme was opened. The call closed on the 15 September. The Call is held every two years, the last call for topic was issued in 2021. More information about the call can be found on the IPP¹.

8. Activities with the IPPC various bodies

- [24] The SSU is actively contributing to the organization and conduct of the 2023 IPPC Regional Workshops.
- [25] The SSU is involved facilitating the work of following CPM focus groups:
- CPM Focus Group on the Safe Provision of Food and other Humanitarian Aid; and
 - CPM Focus Group on Sea Containers.
- [26] Finally, the SSU continues to follow up on the work of the various IC Sub-groups (including the Observatory) and the development of the guides and training materials.

9. External cooperation

- [27] Some SSU staff, on behalf of the Secretariat, continue to have liaison activity with the UN organizations, international organizations, industries, NGOs, and academia. The list of current partners with whom SSU staff works is available on the [External cooperation](#) IPP web page².

¹ Call for Topics: Standards and Implementation: <https://www.ippc.int/en/core-activities/standards-and-implementation/call-for-topics-standards-and-implementation/>

² External Cooperation: <https://www.ippc.int/en/core-activities/external-cooperation/>

