

IPPC Standard Setting Process

2023 May
Standards Committee Meeting



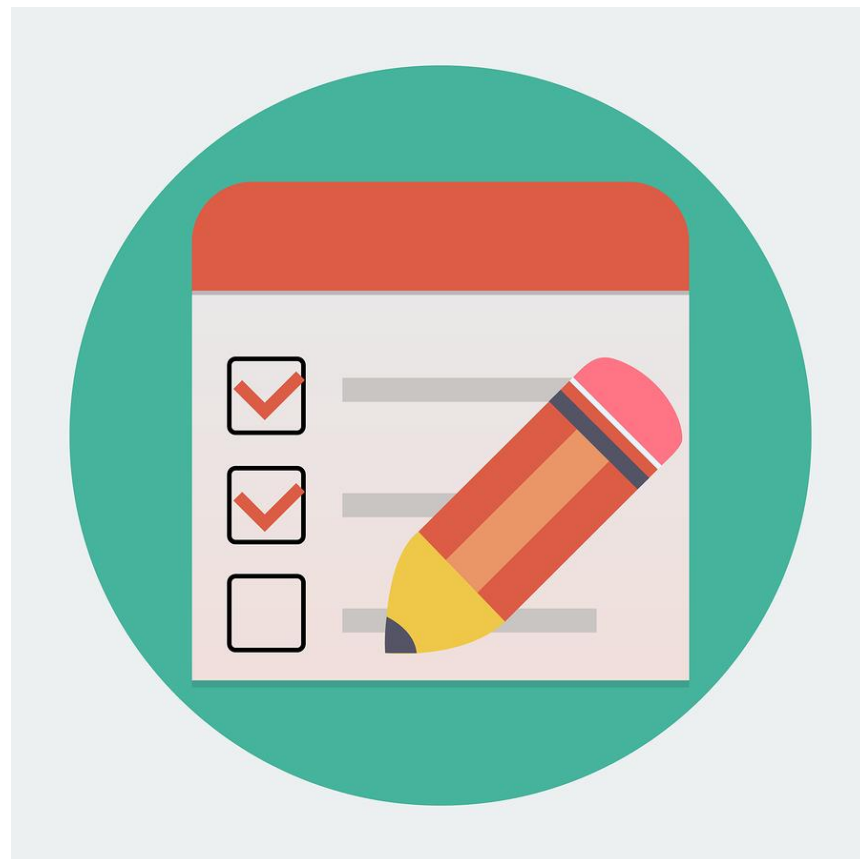
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Presentation Overview

1. IPPC and WTO Relationship
2. What are ISPMs?
3. The IPPC Standard Setting Process
4. Question and Answer Session



IPPC-WTO relationship

- Independent organizations linked through the SPS Agreement
- WTO and IPPC are international treaties (Codex and OIE do not have treaty status)
- Different memberships, different governance

The IPPC is a protection agreement that makes **provisions for trade**; the SPS is a trade agreement that makes **provisions for protection**.

International Standards for Phytosanitary Measures (ISPMs)

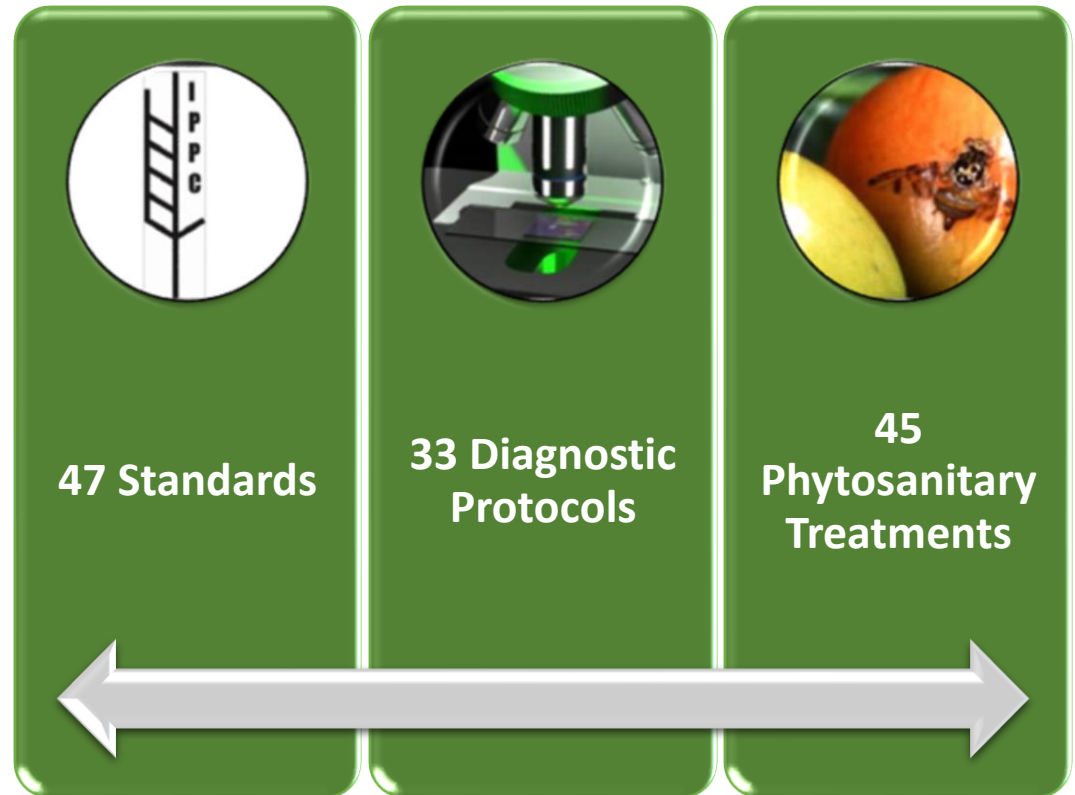
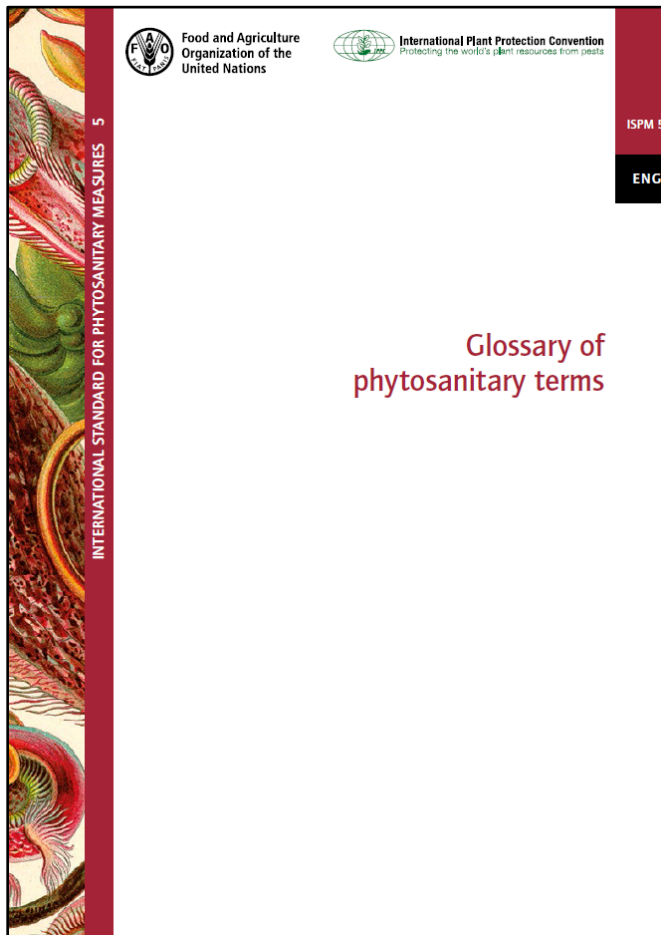
KEY POINTS

- **IPPC standards are not obligations under the IPPC, but are obligations for IPPC contracting parties that are also WTO members under the SPS Agreement**
- **The SPS Agreement recognizes ISPMs as a harmonization tool to guide trade in plant commodities as well as plant health**

Key Points about ISPMs, continued...

- **Subject matter experts develop ISPMs**
- **Undergo technical review during consultation**
- **Commission on Phytosanitary Measures (CPM) adopts ISPMs**
 - **DPs are adopted by the SC and noted by the CPM**

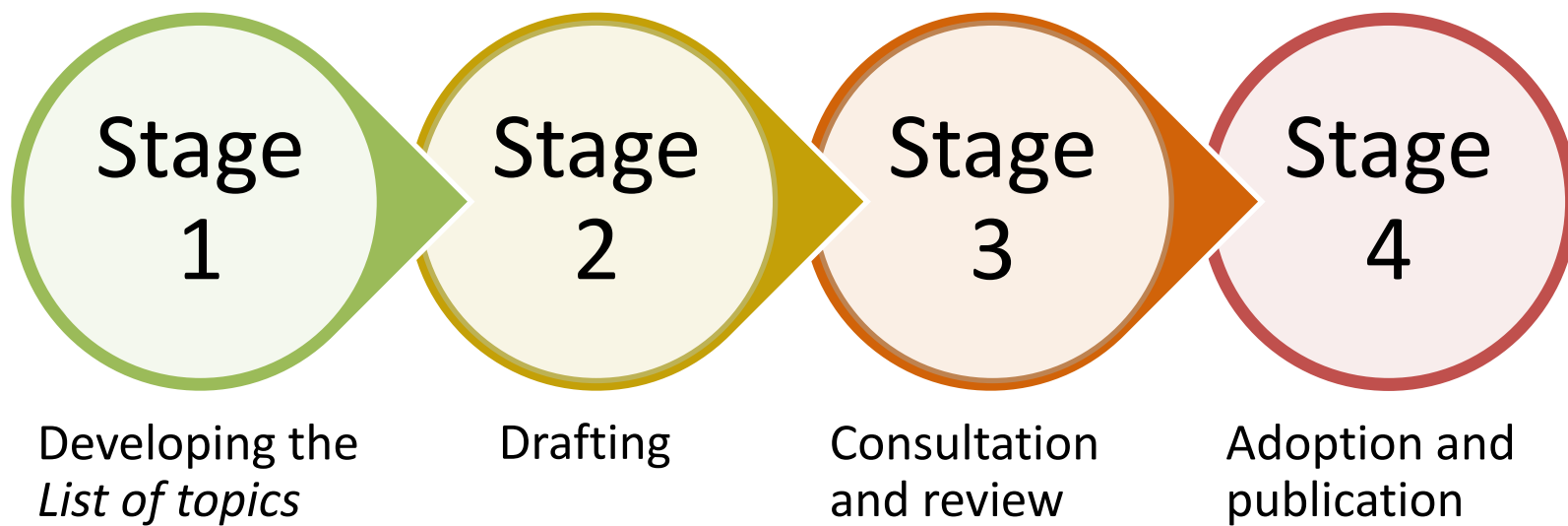
Adopted standards (1993-2023)



77 topics on the work programme



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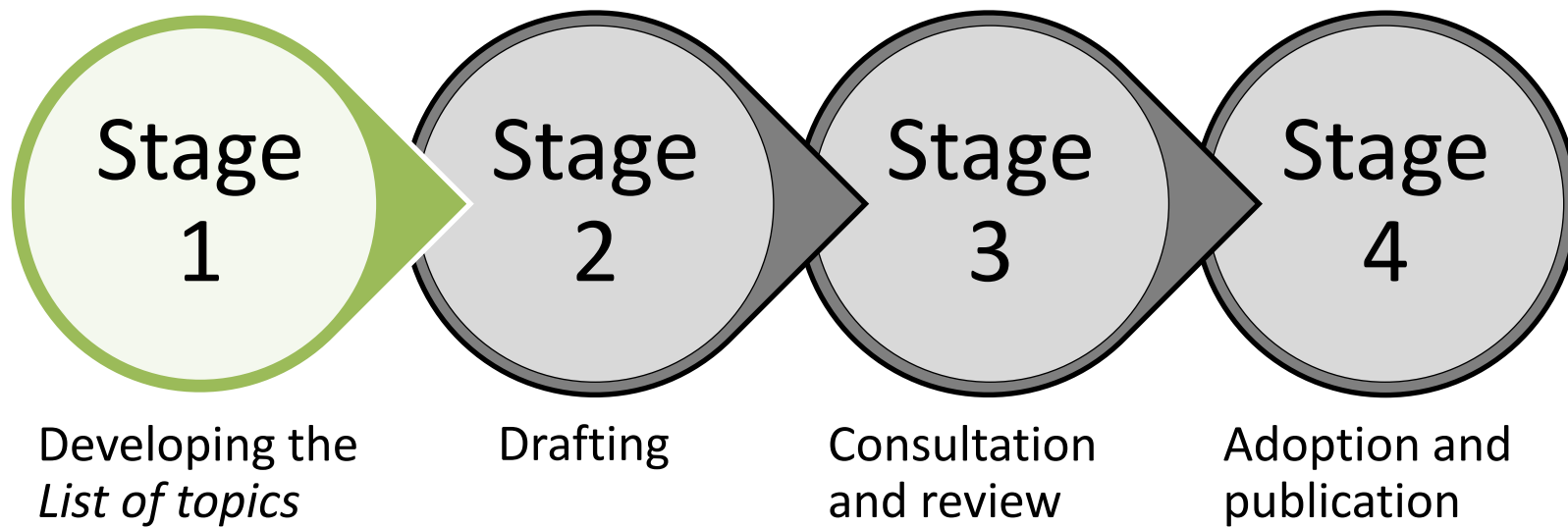


Who oversees the Standard Setting Process?

Answer: The Standards Committee

- **Oversees the standard setting process**
- **Group of 25 experts from the 7 FAO regions**
- **SC members are stewards of draft ISPMs**
- **Reviews draft ISPMs and approves them for consultations**
- **Recommends the draft ISPMs to the CPM for adoption**

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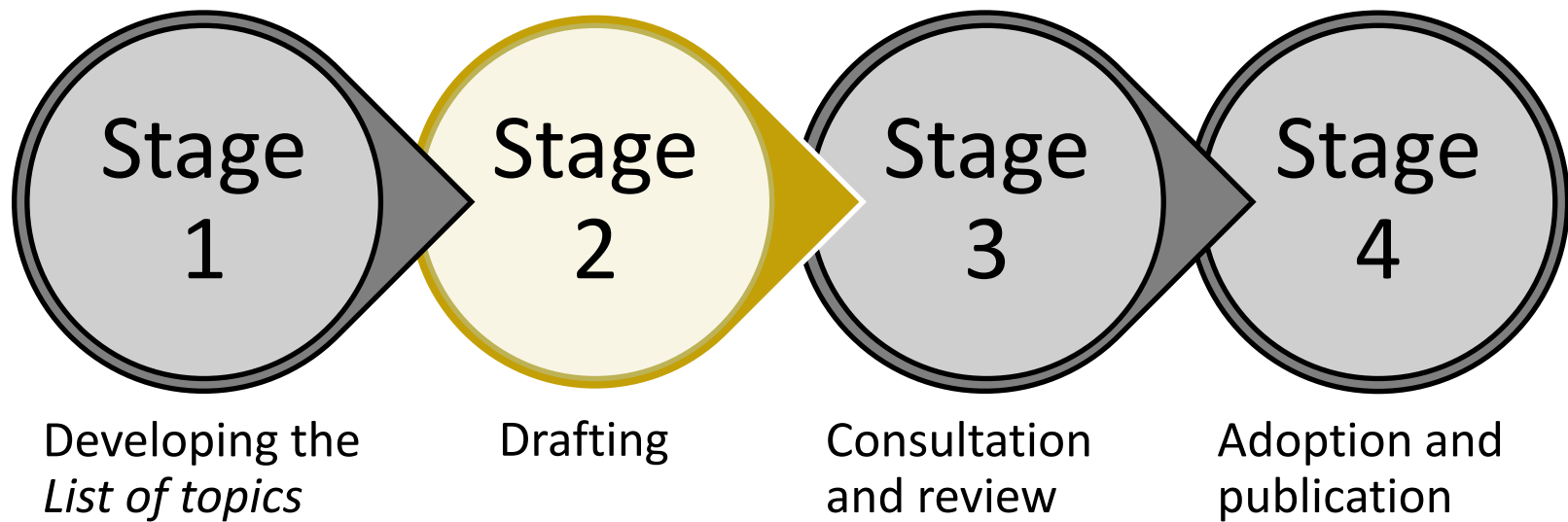
Stage 1: Developing the *List of topics*

- **Identify a problem**
 - Consult within the NPPO, with industry, academia, other government agencies, etc.
 - Is there a regional (RPPO) standard?
 - Is there an IPPC standard?
- **Propose a solution – revision or new ISPM**

Stage 1: Developing the *List of topics*

- IPPC contracting parties and RPPOs submit ideas for ISPMs (also for implementation material)
- SC and the TFT reviews the proposals
- CPM adds the proposals to the *List of topics*

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What is a specification?

- **A document that guides the drafting group when drafting the ISPM**
- **Provides the scope of the ISPM**
- **Details the tasks and the desired expertise of the drafting group**
- **Technical Panels also have specifications directing their work and composition**

Stage 2: Drafting

- **Draft specification is attached to the submitted topic**
- **Before the specification is approved, all contracting parties have the opportunity to comment on it**
 - **Consult within the NPPO, with industry, academia, other government agencies, etc.**
- **The SC approves the specification**



**Is everything ready to draft
the standard?**

Answer: Yes!

- Once the SC approves the specification, the Secretariat issues a call for experts
- The call includes the date and location of the meeting, and the expertise required for the subject matter experts



Expert drafting groups (EDGs)

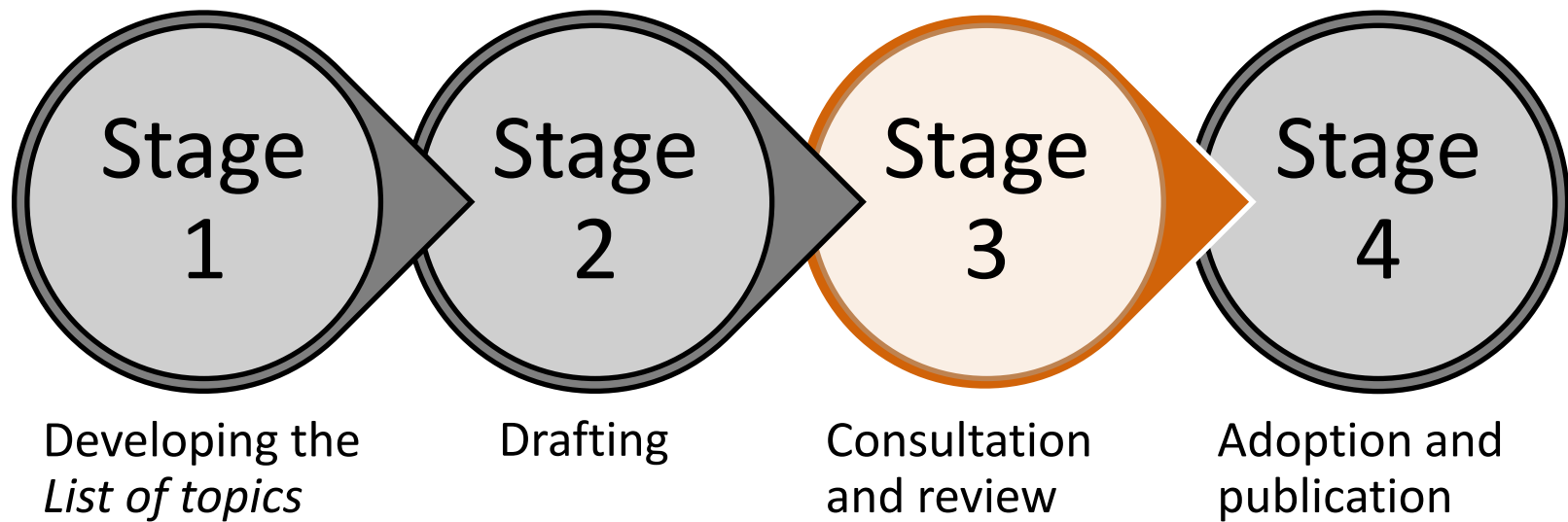
- **Expert Working Group (EWG): 1 meeting, 1 draft ISPM**
- **Technical Panels (TPs) with ongoing work on:**
 - **Phytosanitary Treatments (TPPT)**
 - **Diagnostic Protocols (TPDP)**
 - **Glossary of Phytosanitary Terms (TPG)**
 - **Commodity Standards (TPCS)**

SC approval for consultation

- EDG drafts the standard
- SC decides whether to approve it for consultation or whether it needs more work



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What is consultation?

Consultation is:

- **Opportunity for contracting parties to review and comment on draft ISPMs**
- **Lasts 90 days: 1 July to 30 September**
- **Draft ISPMs submitted to 2 consultations**
 - DPs are only presented for 1 consultation and then adopted by the SC and presented for Notification Period
 - PTs maybe recommended for adoption after only 1 consultation of no substantial issues are raised

After first consultation

Standards Committee Working Group (SC-7)

- Seven SC members, one from each region
- Meets the week after the May SC
- Review the draft ISPMs and comments from first consultation
- Decides whether to approve it for second consultation or whether it needs more work

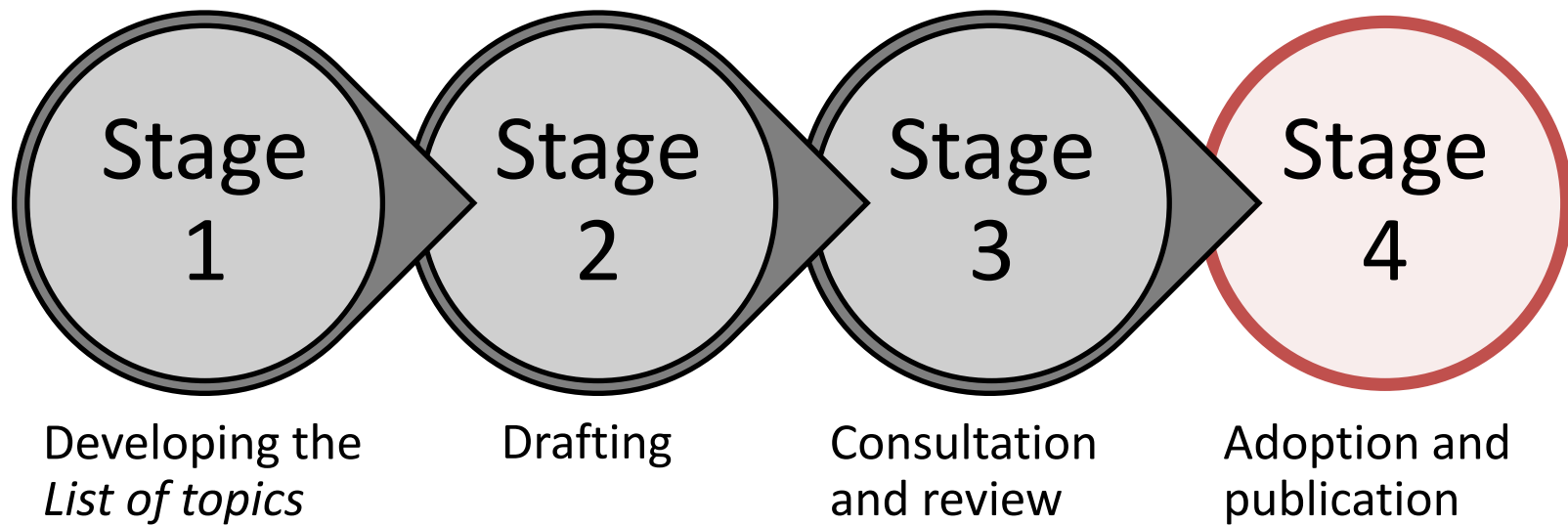


**Where does the draft ISPM go after
the SC-7 has approved it?**

Second consultation and SC review

- **Second consultation, 90 days**
- **The SC reviews comments from second consultation**
- **The SC can:**
 - **send the draft ISPM to the CPM for adoption**
 - **return it to the steward**
 - **submit it for another consultation**
 - **put it on hold**

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**What happens after the SC
recommends the draft to the CPM
for adoption?**

Before the CPM meeting

- **Contracting parties can review the draft ISPMs at least six weeks before the CPM meeting**
- **If you disagree with the adoption of a draft ISPM, you can submit an objection**



What is an objection?

Objections

- **Must include technical justification and suggestions for improvement to the draft ISPM, which other contracting parties are likely to accept**
- **The IPPC Official Contact Point submits the objection to the Secretariat no later than three weeks before the CPM meeting**
- **The CPM decides on the way forward**



What happens if there are no objections?

The standard is adopted!





At what stages are there technical inputs into the standard setting process?

Technical input into the process

ISPMs are science based, so facilitate input from experts!

- Phytosanitary treatment submissions are usually developed by NPPOs in close contact with scientists
- The TPPT assesses treatment submissions and the panel members are usually scientists
- Scientists draft diagnostic protocols and the TPDP further develops the protocols
- During consultation, NPPOs reach out to researchers in government, industry, and academia to review the draft ISPMs

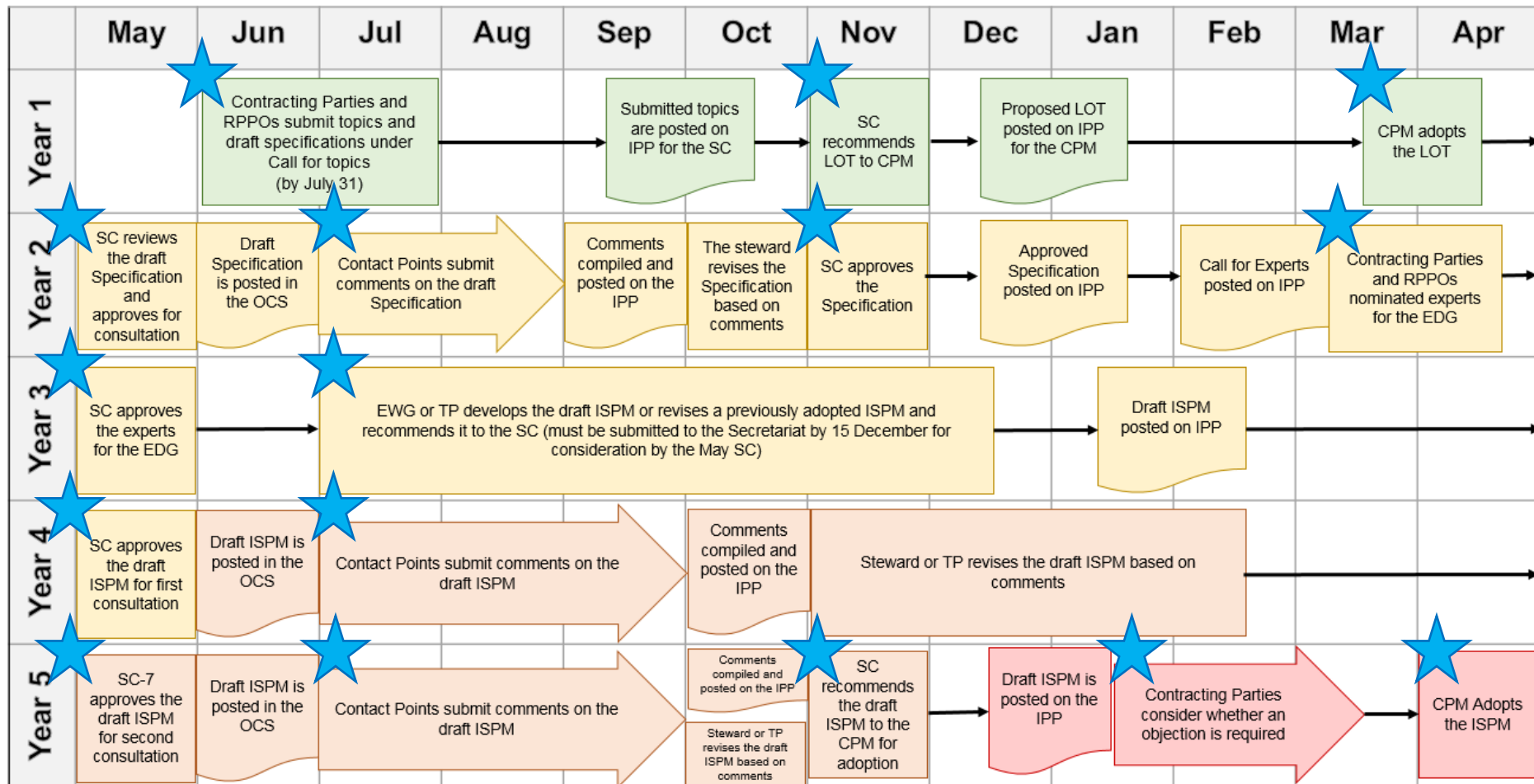
Technical input into the process (continued...)

- **Stewards refer to the scientific expertise of TPs when preparing responses to highly technical comments**
- **Scientists may be consulted when addressing objections**

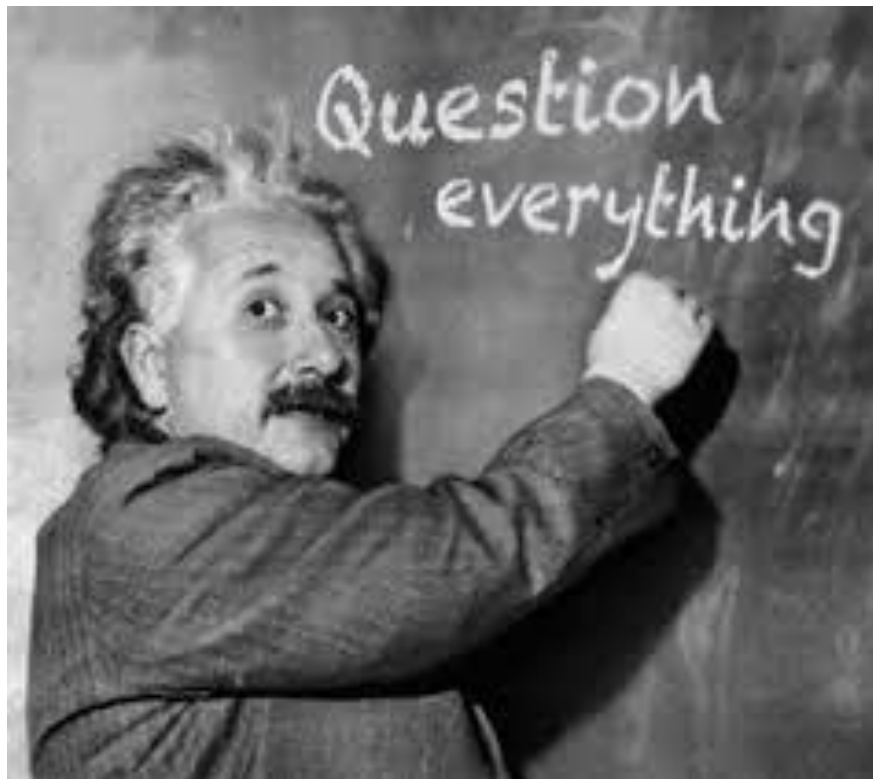
The call for Phytosanitary Treatments is ongoing!

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Where can you provide input?



Questions?



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