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COMMODITY SPECIFIC ISPMs

AGENDA ITEM 12.2

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Background

- [1] The IPPC Strategic Framework 2020-2030 includes eight development agenda items (DAIs), including the development of commodity-specific international standards for phytosanitary measures (ISPMs).
- [2] The IPPC, the only standard-setting global entity for plant health, is developing new ISPMs to provide guidance to countries in protecting internationally traded commodities through better monitoring, prevention, detection and response to threats from plant pest. New standards will also aid in addressing import regulation challenges and other phytosanitary issues.
- [3] It is expected that by 2030 many new ISPMs have been adopted and implemented for specific commodities and pathways, with, as required, accompanying diagnostic protocols and phytosanitary treatments to support implementation. Moreover, it is expected that these commodity-specific ISPMs provide NPPOs with harmonized phytosanitary measures, which they may use to support their pest risk analysis activities and import regulatory systems, or to establish export-oriented production systems. This has simplified trade and expedited market access negotiations.

Benefits

- [4] Commodity-specific standards will facilitate market access, simplify and accelerate trade negotiations, create market opportunities and simplify safe trade in plants and plant products.
- [5] These standards will promote harmonized and technically justified phytosanitary measures and import requirements among IPPC contracting parties.
- [6] Developing countries will be able to trade more quickly since harmonized phytosanitary measures will limit restrictions on importation.

Key points

- [7] The development, adoption and implementation of commodity standards will not alter the sovereign rights and fundamental obligations under the IPPC and World Trade Organization/Sanitary and Phytosanitary (WTO-SPS) Agreement. Moreover, as agreed by the CPM:
 - The regulation of pests will remain firmly based on pest risk analysis and subject to technical justification.
 - Obligations will not be imposed on importing countries.
 - The list of pests and phytosanitary measures in each specific commodity standard is not exhaustive.

Update on status of implementation

- [8] The commodity-specific ISPMs DAI is led by the Standard Setting Unit (SSU) within the IPPC Secretariat and is being delivered by the Standards Committee (SC), the IPPC Technical Panel on Commodity Standards (TPCS) and IPPC Secretariat SSU.
- [9] The IPPC Technical Panel on Commodity Standards (TPCS)¹ was established by the 14th Commission on Phytosanitary Measures (CPM-14) in 2019² to support the development of specific commodity standards within the framework of ISPM 46 (*Commodity-specific standards for phytosanitary measures*), to ensure that sufficient rigour, resources and focus can be provided, and to develop guidance on related issues. The TPCS works under the guidance of the IPPC SC, following the technical panels working procedures³ and the approved Specification TP 6⁴.

IPPC work programme – volume of work

- [10] Currently, there is only one specific commodity standard topic in the TPCS work programme, as a result from the 2021 IPPC call for topics⁵: Annex to ISPM 46 - International movement of *Mangifera indica* fruit (2021-011), priority 1. During the 2023 IPPC call for topics: standards and implementation, new commodity standards proposals were submitted and the CPM-18 is being invited to include them in the IPPC work programme (please refer to CPM-18 agenda item 9.1 and the Task Force on Topics).
- [11] The draft ISPM was developed and the first version was submitted for first consultation period in 2023. The steps and timeline of the draft ISPM Annex to ISPM 46 - International movement of *Mangifera indica* fruit (2021-011) are summarized in Figure 1. It is expected that this first commodity standards be adopted by the CPM-19 (2025).

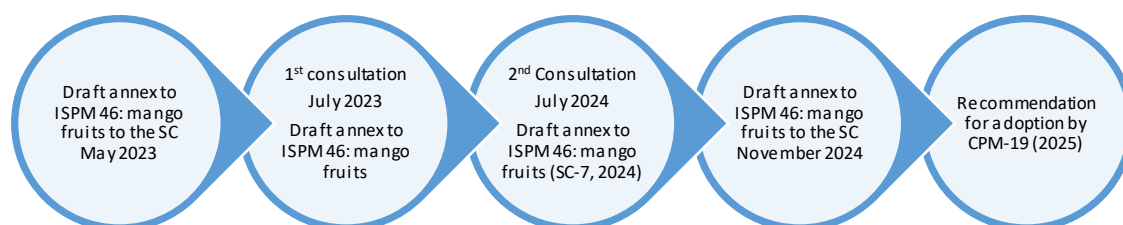


Figure 1. Estimated timeline for the annex to ISPM 46 - International movement of *Mangifera indica* fruit (2021-011).

- [12] Since 2020, the IPPC secretariat initiated several activities to support the delivery of this DAI and to help mainstream this new type of IPPC ISPMs. The following list provides an update on key commodity specific activities undertaken by the IPPC Secretariat and by the Standards Committee:
- **CPM-14 (2019):**
 - Final report from the CPM Focus Group on commodity standards to the CPM.

¹ More information about the TPCS can be found at <https://www.ippc.int/en/core-activities/standards-setting/expert-drafting-groups/technical-panels/technical-panel-on-commodity-standards/>.

² CPM-14 Report: https://assets.ippc.int/static/media/files/publication/en/2019/07/CPM-14_Report_withISPMs-2019-07-31.pdf

³ IPPC Procedure Manual for Standard Setting: <https://www.ippc.int/en/publications/85024/>

⁴ Specification TP 6 - Technical Panel on Commodity Standards: <https://www.ippc.int/en/publications/89276/>

⁵ IPPC 2021 call for topics: <https://www.ippc.int/en/core-activities/standards-and-implementation/call-for-topics-standards-and-implementation/>

- Establishment of IPPC Technical Panel on Commodity Standards (TPCS) under the oversight of the SC.
- **July 2020:** Approval of the draft ISPM 46: Commodity-specific standards for phytosanitary measures for first consultation period.
- **July 2021:** Approval of the draft ISPM 46: Commodity-specific standards for phytosanitary measures for second consultation period.
- **February 2022:** IPPC Webinar- The IPPC Secretariat organized a webinar on the topic with the objective to enhance the understanding of the IPPC community about this development agenda item of the IPPC Strategic Framework on commodity standards. More information and the recordings of the webinar are available at: <https://www.ippc.int/en/news/workshops-events/webinars/ippc-commodity-standards/>.
- **CPM-16 (2022):** Adoption of ISPM 46: *ISPM 46 (Commodity-specific standards for phytosanitary measures)*.
- **CPM-16 (2022):** Agreement to add to the IPPC and SC work programme the topic on International movement of fresh mango (*Mangifera indica*) fruit.
- **August – September 2022:** Presentation on the 2022 IPPC Regional Workshops. A short presentation was developed by the IPPC Secretariat on the “IPPC commodity standards: the start and some perspectives”. More information at: <https://www.ippc.int/en/core-activities/capacity-development/regional-ippc-workshops/2022-ippc-regional-workshop/>.
- **SC November 2022** - Approval of [Specification 73: Annex International movement of fresh mango \(*Mangifera indica*\) fruit to ISPM 46](#).
- **January 2023:** First face to face meeting of the IPPC Technical Panel on Commodity Standards (TPCS) in Japan.
- **July 2023:** First consultation period of the draft ISPM International movement of fresh mango (*Mangifera indica*) fruit.
- **September 2023:** IPPC call for topics: Standards and Implementation. Eight commodity-specific proposals were submitted.
- **CPM-18 (2024):**
 - Pending agreement to add to the IPPC and SC work programme commodity specific topics.
 - Pending agreement to the proposed adjustments to the IPPC standard setting procedure to expedite the development of these specific commodity ISPMs.

[13] It is expected that some communications products be developed in 2024 to support the key principles around commodity standards and to help mainstream the topic, including developing a prospectus on the commodity specific ISPMs DAI.

[14] Moreover, it is expected that at least two new draft specific commodity standards, annexes to ISPM 46, be approved for consultation period in 2025 (pending adjustments to the IPPC standard setting procedure by CPM-18). It is to highlight once again that commodity-specific standards will facilitate market access, simplify and accelerate trade negotiations, create market opportunities and simplify safe trade in plants and plant products.

[15] To date (December 2023), the European Union, France, Canada and New Zealand had provided financial resources to support this DAI on commodity specific standards and Japan has hosted the first IPPC Technical Panel on Commodity Standards meeting. Additional financial support would also be needed to ensure continuity of the development of these standards within the IPPC standard setting procedure, as well as to support aware raising and advocacy material.

Recommendations to CPM

[16] The CPM-18 is invited to:

- (1) *note* the update on activities for the IPPC commodity specific ISPMs DAI.