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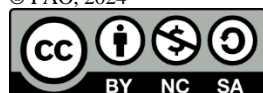
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1. Opening of the meeting

1.1 Welcome by the IPPC Secretariat

- [1] Adriana MOREIRA, IPPC Standard Setting Officer and Deputy Lead of the Standard Setting Unit, opened the virtual meeting of the Technical Panel on Commodity Standards (TPCS) and welcomed all participants.

2. Meeting arrangements

2.1 Selection of chairperson

- [2] As agreed at their meeting in June 2023,¹ the TPCS selected Lihong ZHU (New Zealand) as chairperson.

2.2 Selection of the rapporteur

- [3] The TPCS selected Douglas KERRUSH (Australia) as rapporteur.

2.3 Adoption of the agenda

- [4] The TPCS adopted the agenda (Appendix 1), agreeing to consider two issues under agenda item 6 (Any other business) if time allowed: the prioritization of potential new topics for commodity standards and the arrangements for the 2024 face-to-face meeting of the panel.

3. Administrative matters

- [5] The TPCS membership list had been circulated before the meeting.

4. TPCS work programme – draft ISPMs

4.1 Draft annex to ISPM 46: International movement of fresh *Mangifera indica* fruit (2021-011)

- [6] The chairperson referred the TPCS to the draft annex *International movement of fresh Mangifera indica fruit* (2021-011) to ISPM 46 (*Commodity-specific standards for phytosanitary measures*) and the associated draft steward's notes and responses to consultation comments, which would be considered by the Standards Committee Working Group (SC-7).² She thanked Joanne WILSON (New Zealand), the Steward of the draft annex, for her diligent work in amending the draft and considering the consultation comments.

- [7] The steward of the draft annex outlined the ten issues arising from the consultation comments that she had highlighted in the steward's notes:

- proposals to change the text of the Scope section to be commodity-specific;
- requests to include synonyms or preferred synonyms only for the names of pests;
- calls to emphasize phytosanitary treatments adopted by the Commission on Phytosanitary Measures;
- calls to reinforce key statements made in the overarching ISPM 46 and suggestions to clarify other aspects;
- requests to include references for pest–host associations in the pest list;
- requests to add examples of integrated measures that can be included in a systems approach;
- requests to remove and include pests from the pest list;

¹ TPCS 2023-06, agenda item 2.1.

² 2021-011; 02_TPCS_Tel_2024_Feb; 03_TPCS_Tel_2024_Feb; 04_TPCS_Tel_2024_Feb.

- a proposal to change treatment codes to align with the IPPC phytosanitary treatments search tool;³
- requests to add and remove options for measures; and
- issues with referencing within the annex.

- [8] For each of these issues, the steward had provided a response in the steward's notes.
- [9] The steward also highlighted the two potential implementation issues that had been raised during consultation: the potential misuse of the pest list to require unjustified measures to manage some pests; and the lack of full information on the necessary parameters for application of measures.
- [10] The chairperson thanked the steward and invited comments from the TPCS on the draft steward's notes and subsequently on the draft annex itself.
- [11] **Scope.** The TPCS discussed the wording of the Scope section of the annex at length. Further to the previous TPCS meeting, the steward had provided two options for the SC-7 to consider as an alternative to the standard wording, both of which had been suggested in consultation comments:
- This commodity standard provides guidance for national plant protection organizations (NPPOs) on pests associated with fresh *Mangifera indica* (mango) fruit and options for phytosanitary measures for the international movement of fresh *M. indica* mangoes.
- This commodity standard provides guidance for national plant protection organizations on options for phytosanitary measures for the international movement of fresh *Mangifera indica* (mango) fruit intended for consumption or processing.
- [12] Some TPCS members expressed support for the second option, as it focused on the measures rather than the pests and hence was more aligned with the main objective of the annex.
- [13] The TPCS recognized that, depending on the wording used in the Scope, consequential changes may be needed to the section after it (Description of the commodity and its intended use) to avoid duplication. The steward suggested that duplication could be avoided by simply moving the first paragraph of that section into the Scope section, to replace the existing text.
- [14] The chairperson recalled that, at their face-to-face meeting in January 2023, the TPCS had been advised that the text for the Scope section could not be changed, as it was standard text specified in ISPM 46.
- [15] The secretariat commented that some tailoring of standard text may be permitted, citing the example of the standard wording used for some sections of diagnostic protocols, which is adjusted to suit the context. However, the secretariat also advised the TPCS to consider referring to both pests and measures in the Scope, to try to keep it as close as possible to the standard text.
- [16] One TPCS member supported referring to pests in the Scope, as the options for measures corresponded to the pests listed in the annex, so the two concepts (pests and measures) were linked. Another member suggested that it may not be necessary to refer explicitly to pests, as the wording of both options included the term "phytosanitary", which implied aspects of plant health and hence plant pests.
- [17] One TPCS member expressed concern about saying that the annex provided *guidance* on pests and suggested that, if this were the case, further consideration would need to be given to the criteria for inclusion of pests. The member drew the panel's attention to the draft working procedures for the TPCS,⁴ which referred to a request made by the Standards Committee (SC) at their November 2023 meeting for the TPCS to discuss the criteria further. The steward pointed out, however, that the SC had disagreed with including the TPCS's proposed subcriteria in the working procedures.

³ Phytosanitary treatments search tool: <https://www.ippc.int/en/centre-of-excellence/phytosanitary-treatments-tool/>

⁴ 05_TPCS_Tel_2024_Feb.

- [18] The secretariat commented that perhaps the word “guidance” was too strong, given that commodity standards did not aim to provide requirements on pests and measures but simply listed pests and measures that met certain criteria.
- [19] In light of their discussion, the TPCS agreed to adjust the standard text, rather than proposing new text, and simply replaced the word “commodity” and the associated text in parentheses with the name of the specific commodity.
- [20] **Pests associated with fresh *Mangifera indica* fruit.** The TPCS made a minor amendment to this section to make it clear that the pests listed in the table were *considered*, rather than *known*, to be associated with the commodity.
- [21] The TPCS also noted that, when referring to information sources that countries may use when evaluating the relevance of the pest list, the phrase “reputable organizations” should be avoided because it was judgemental. The secretariat commented that ISPM 8 (*Determination of pest status in an area*) referred to *reliable* information sources.
- [22] **Options for phytosanitary measures.** The TPCS clarified that a measure used to address the pest risk posed by a specific pest may also be equally effective at addressing the pest risk posed by other pests.
- [23] The TPCS also recognized that what constituted “low impact”, in relation to alternatives to methyl bromide fumigation, may differ between countries and so it was better to refer to “lower impact”.
- [24] **Codes for measures.** The steward explained that, as agreed at the previous TPCS meeting, she had provided two options for the SC-7 to consider: one using the original codes for measures (as sent for first consultation) and the other using the codes from the IPPC phytosanitary treatments search tool.
- [25] One TPCS member commented that, in the latter option, the code for methyl bromide (CHT-FU) could be confusing as the same code would also apply to chemical treatments involving other chemicals (e.g. phosphine, carbon dioxide). The steward agreed with this view and also commented that the codes derived from the IPPC phytosanitary treatments search tool were more complicated and difficult to read.
- [26] The chairperson preferred to align the codes in commodity standards with those in the IPPC phytosanitary treatments search tool and suggested that the code for methyl bromide could be dealt with separately.
- [27] The TPCS agreed that the decision about which codes to use should be left to the SC-7, as it was a cross-cutting issue involving the work of two technical panels.
- [28] **Options for hot water immersion treatment.** The steward informed the TPCS that, before the meeting, one member of the panel had provided an additional treatment for consideration. The treatment was 41.8 °C for 68 minutes and targeted *Bactrocera dorsalis*, but no weight class was specified and hence it was not clear where in the table the treatment should be listed. The TPCS agreed that the member who had submitted the treatment would liaise with the steward to resolve this after the meeting.
- [29] The TPCS:
- (1) *approved* the steward’s notes on the draft annex *International movement of fresh Mangifera indica fruit* (2021-011) to ISPM 46, subject to modification in accordance with the discussions at this meeting;
 - (2) *agreed* to include the additional hot water immersion treatment in the draft annex as discussed in this meeting, pending confirmation from the Steward, Joanne WILSON (New Zealand), in liaison with Alfayo OMBUYA (Kenya);
 - (3) *agreed* to leave the decision about which codes to use for options for phytosanitary measures to the SC-7;
 - (4) *agreed* that TPCS members would email any remaining major issues with the draft annex to fellow panel members and the secretariat by 15 February 2024 (to be resolved by email);

- (5) *recommended* the draft annex *International movement of fresh Mangifera indica fruit* (2021-011) to ISPM 46, as discussed at this meeting and pending any further modification after the meeting, to the SC-7 for approval for second consultation; and
- (6) *noted* the steward's responses to first consultation comments, which would be presented to the SC-7.

5. TPCS work programme and procedures

5.1 TPCS working procedures – from the Standards Committee

[30] This agenda item was deferred to a future meeting of the TPCS.

5.2 Proposed adjustments to the submission form for information materials for commodity standards

[31] This agenda item was deferred to a future meeting of the TPCS.

6. Any other business

[32] This agenda item was deferred to a future meeting of the TPCS.

7. Date of the next meeting

[33] The TPCS discussed possible dates for their next meeting, with two options being 13 March 2024 or 4 April 2024 at 1100–1300 UTC+1 (Rome time).

[34] The TPCS:

- (7) *requested* that the secretariat confirm the date and time of the next meeting, which would be held in virtual mode.

8. Close of the meeting

[35] The chairperson thanked the participants and closed the meeting.

Appendix 1: Agenda

Agenda Item	Document No.	Presenter
1. Opening of the Meeting		
1.1 Welcome by the IPPC Secretariat	--	IPPC Secretariat (MOREIRA)
2. Meeting Arrangements		
2.1 Selection of Chairperson	--	MOREIRA
2.2 Selection of the Rapporteur	--	Chairperson
2.3 Adoption of the Agenda	01_TPCS_Tel_2024_Feb	Chairperson
3. Administrative Matters		
3.1 TPCS membership list	TPCS membership list	KRAH
3.2 Connections to Zoom and virtual meetings	Short guidelines for participants	
4. TPCS work programme – draft ISPMs		
4.1 Draft Annex to ISPM 46: <i>International movement of fresh Mangifera indica fruit (2021-011)</i> to second consultation: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Summary of major points / steward's notes <ul style="list-style-type: none"> From SC November 2023: The SC invited the Technical Panel on Commodity Standards to consider how to address the comments related to the addition of sources for the pests included in the list of pests in commodity standards. Response to consultations comments TPG responses to editorial and consistency comments (for reference) Compiled comments from consultation period (for reference) 	2021-011 02_TPCS_Tel_2024_Feb 03_TPCS_Tel_2024_Feb 04_TPCS_Tel_2024_Feb Link to compiled comments from consultation period	WILSON / All
5. TPCS work programme and procedures		
5.1 TPCS Working Procedures - from the Standards Committee <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Review of TPCS working procedures as approved by the SC in May 2023 Proposed TPCS working procedures: further points (paper by LIHONG and WILSON) 	05_TPCS_Tel_2024_Feb 06_TPCS_Tel_2024_Feb	IPPC Secretariat / WILSON (Steward)
5.2 Proposed adjustments to the submission form: Information Materials for Commodity Standards	07_TPCS_Tel_2024_Feb	LIHONG / WILSON
6. Any other business	--	Chairperson
7. Next TPCS meeting	Tentative: 03 April 2024 at 12:00-14:00 (GMT+1)	IPPC Secretariat / Chairperson
8. Closing of the meeting	--	IPPC Secretariat / Chairperson