



COMMISSION ON PHYTOSANITARY MEASURES

EIGHTEENTH SESSION

CPM RECOMMENDATIONS

AGENDA ITEM 11

(Prepared by the IPPC Secretariat)

Introduction

- [1] A Commission on Phytosanitary Measures (CPM) Recommendation is an adopted text by the CPM on important issues related to plant health, either to promote action on a specific phytosanitary issue or to address a more generalized issue. It covers issues or actions that national plant protection organizations (NPPOs) and regional plant protection organizations (RPPOs) have some influence, authority or competence to address. It also provides practical guidance and support for improving the implementation of the convention, a specific international standard for phytosanitary measures (ISPM) or set of ISPMs.
- [2] The Commission have been adopting CPM Recommendations for many years¹.
- [3] A contracting party (CP) or the IPPC Secretariat (the Secretariat), following the CPM Recommendations process and the agreed criteria², may propose a topic for a CPM Recommendation and present it to the CPM.
- [4] An initial draft of the proposed CPM Recommendation and the rationale or justification for its need should be presented to the CPM for consideration through the IPPC Secretariat (ippc@fao.org). In case where the CPM agrees with the proposal, the consultation period will be for a period of three months, and it will start on the 01 July of that year via the Online Comment System (OCS).

Review of CPM Recommendations in the work programme

“Sea containers (R-06) revision”

- [5] The revision of CPM Recommendation on Sea Containers (R-06) was included in the CPM Focus Group on Sea Containers (CPM Focus Group) ToR following agreement at CPM-16 that the recommendation, originally adopted in 2017, should be retained and revised, either as an interim approach prior to the development of an ISPM, or as a final approach.
- [6] CPM Focus Group met several times since 2022, both virtually and in person and developed a draft revision of CPM Recommendation on Sea Containers (R-06)³.
- [7] Through the work of the CPM Focus Group, it was recognized that further contextual information to accompany the key recommendations outlined in the document was important and desired, as CPM Recommendation 06 was expected by the CPM Focus Group to serve as interim guidance while development of longer-term guidance matured. Included in the revised version is further detail around

1 CPM Recommendations adopted: <https://www.ippc.int/en/core-activities/governance/cpm/cpm-recommendations-1/cpm-recommendations/>

2 CPM Recommendations process: <https://www.ippc.int/en/core-activities/governance/cpm/cpm-recommendations-1/cpm-recommendations/recommendations-procedure/>

3 CPM Recommendation on Sea Containers (R-06): <https://www.ippc.int/en/publications/84233/>

the background to pest risks and the international sea container pathway, identification of shared responsibilities for stakeholders, a description of the types of risk presented by the international movements of sea containers and the need for further collaboration with border agencies at a national level to eliminate the risk of the development of conflicting or duplicate measures and contribute to a harmonized approach to pest risk management.

[8] The revised draft was presented to CPM-17 2023 and was approved for countries consultation.

[9] During the 2023 consultation process the draft revised CPM Recommendation 6 (R-06) received 556 comments, via the Online Commenting System, that were addressed by the CPM Focus Group ([Consultations for CPM Recommendations](#)) and it is now being presented to the CPM-18 (2024) for adoption as contained in CPM 2024/12_01.

Decisions

[10] The CPM-18 is invited to:

- (1) *adopt* to the draft revision of the CPM Recommendation on “*Sea containers* (R-06)” contained in CPM 2024/12_01.
- (2) *discuss* and *agree* any new proposals for CPM Recommendations that may need to be included in the work programme.