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The IPPC Standard Setting Procedure: an overview

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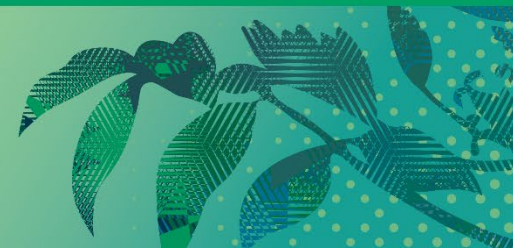
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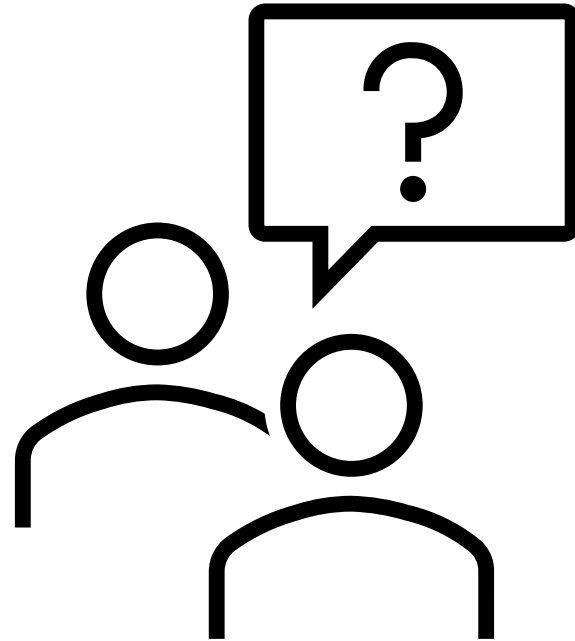
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Why set international standards?





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Why set international standards?



Contracting parties have **access to a same level of playing field** upon which **all** can safely trade plants and plant products.



The aim of **international standards** is to **harmonize phytosanitary measures**.



Facilitate **safe international trade**, protect the **environment** and ensure **food security**.



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Phytosanitary measures: basic principles



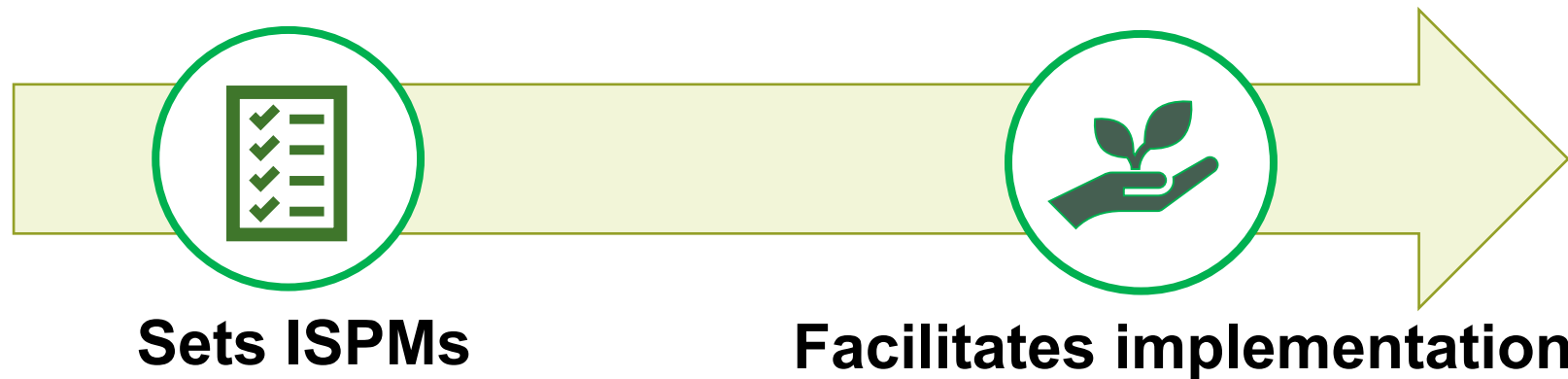
- Only when necessary
- No more restrictive than necessary
- Technical justification
- Minimal impact
- Non-discrimination (→Equivalence of phytosanitary measures)
- Transparency

ISPM1 - *Phytosanitary principles for the protection of plants and the application of phytosanitary measures in international trade* (adopted in 1993, revised in 2006)



In practice, what does the IPPC do?

- The IPPC develops International Standards for Phytosanitary Measures (ISPMs), CPM recommendations and facilitates their implementation to ensure food security, facilitate safe trade and reduce the risks to agriculture and biodiversity.





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The IPPC standards: International Standards on Phytosanitary Measures (ISPMs)

KEY POINTS



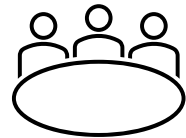
Subject matter experts develop ISPMs



The development of ISPMs are under the oversight of the Standards Committee



Undergo technical review during consultation period

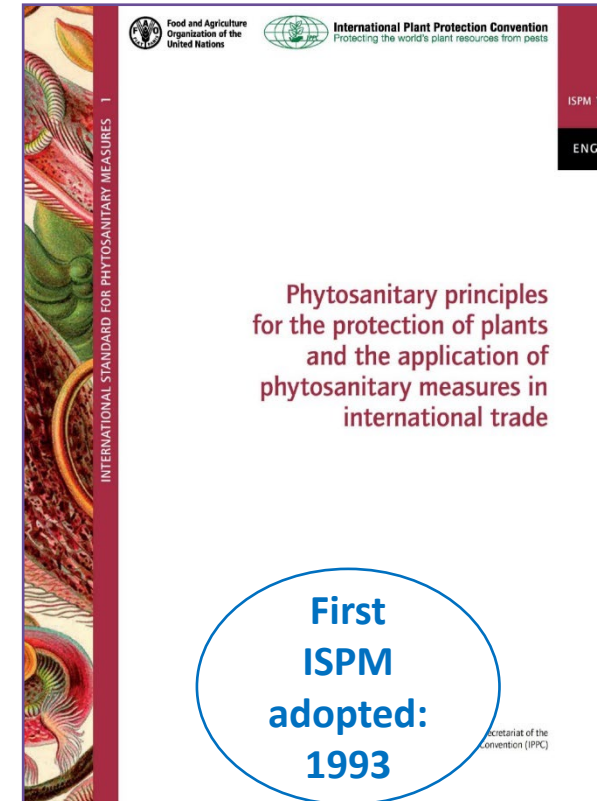
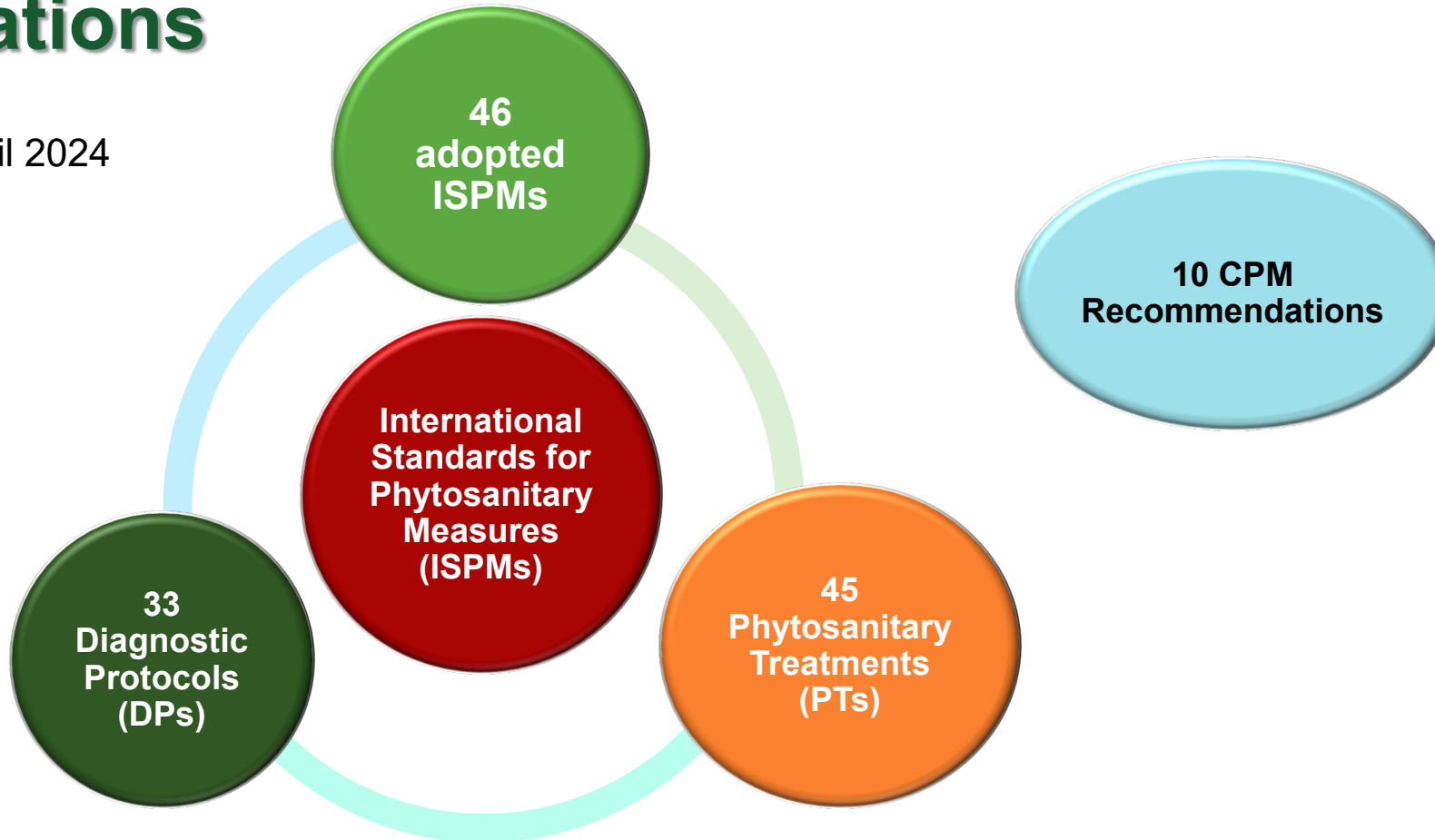


The Commission on Phytosanitary Measures (CPM) adopts ISPMs



ISPMs: The framework for phytosanitary systems and operations

As of 10 April 2024





International Standards for Phytosanitary Measures (ISPMs)

pest surveillance

phytosanitary certificates

pest free areas

glossary terms

pest reporting

pest risk analysis

export certification

diagnostic protocols

audit in the phytosanitary context

phytosanitary treatments

wood packaging material

commodity-specific standards

international movement of seeds

international movement of wood



CPM Recommendations

HTS technologies

E-commerce

Sea Containers

Safe provisions of humanitarian aid

IPPC coverage of aquatic plants

Threats to biodiversity posed by alien species



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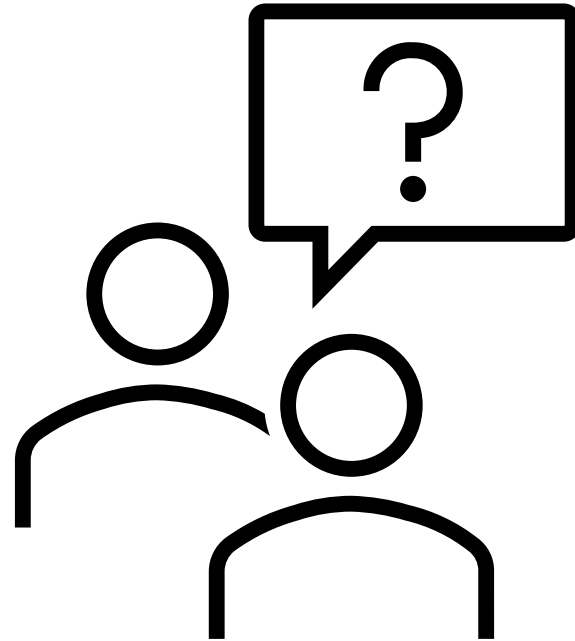
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How is the IPPC standard setting process?

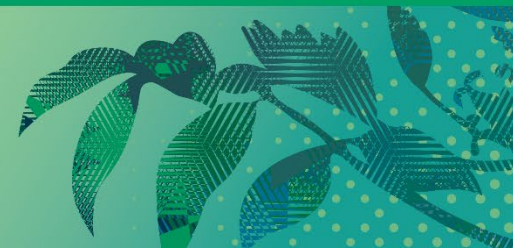




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Standards Committee (SC)



Consists of 25 members from each of the seven FAO regions



Oversees the IPPC Standard Setting Process



Manages the development of ISPMs



Provides guidance and oversight to the work of Expert Drafting Groups



IPPC Standard Setting Process



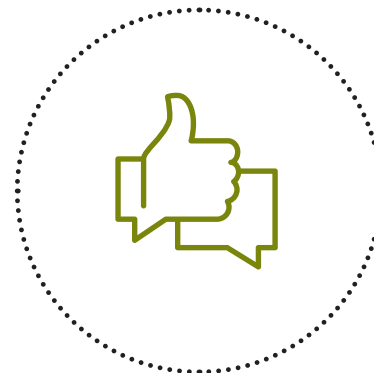
List of
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(Stage 1)



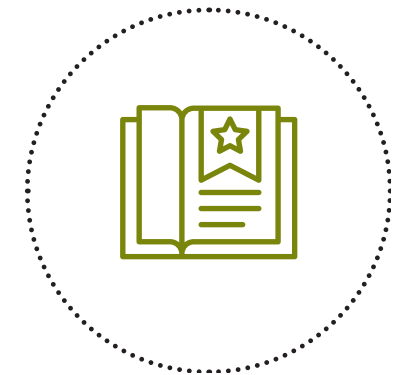
Drafting
standards

(Stage 2)



Consultation and
review

(Stage 3)



Adopting and
publication

(Stage 4)



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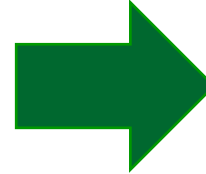


Consultation and review
(Stage 3)



Adopting and publication
(Stage 4)

~ 6-8 years



✓ **T**ransparent process

✓ **I**nclusive process

✓ **P**articipatory - all contracting parties can participate in all steps



List of topics (LOT)

(Stage 1)

CPs and RPPOs
Submit topics

SC
Reviews topics submitted
Recommend priorities and submit to CPM

CPM
Reviews, changes and adopts List of topics (LOT) for IPPC standards

**Call for topics:
every 2 years**

To submit the topics for ISPMs

✓ Draft specification

✓ Literature review

✓ Justification

SC and CPM review LOT annually

See CPM-18 agenda item 9.1.1

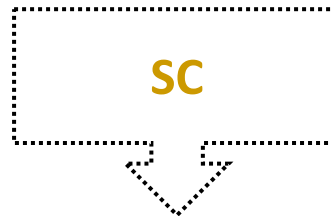
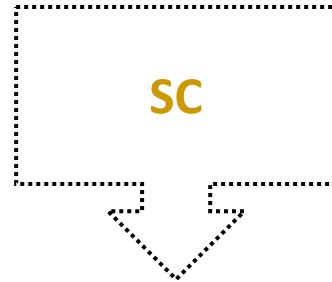
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Drafting standards

(Stage 2)

Development of a specification



Assigns a lead Steward and assistant(s) for each topic
Reviews draft Specification
Approves draft Specification for consultation period

Makes draft Specification publicly available
Solicits comments through Online Comment System (OCS) **90 days**
Comments received: compiles → makes publicly available → submits to Steward and to SC for consideration

Revises and approves Specification

Makes Specification publicly available



Drafting standards

(Stage 2)

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Issues call for experts – Nominations for EWG or TP members from NPPOs and RPPOs

Expert Drafting Group (EDG) (EWG or TP)

Drafts or revises draft ISPM in accordance with Specification

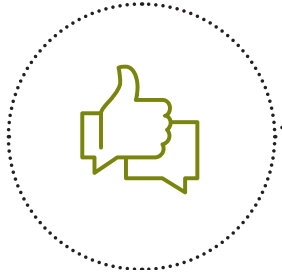
SC

Reviews draft ISPM at the meetings (for DP or PT, electronically)

Decides:

- to approve the ISPM for consultation
- to return it to Steward or EDG or
- to put it on hold

Preparation of a draft ISPM



Consultation and review

(Stage 3)

First/Second consultation
- 90 days

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Draft ISPM approved by SC for 1st consultation → makes publicly available

Solicits comments through the Online Comment System (OCS)

Compiles comments and makes publicly available → submits to Steward for consideration

Steward

Reviews and prepares responses to comments + revises draft ISPM → submits to IPPC Secretariat

SC-7

Records responses to major issues in SC-7 meeting report

Approves draft ISPM for 2nd consultation

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Draft ISPM approved by SC for 2nd consultation → makes publicly available



Adopting and publication

(Stage 4)



To submit an objection

✓ **Technical justification**

✓ **Suggestions for improvement**

If no objection, CPM adopts ISPMs without discussion

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Adopting and
publication

(Stage 4)



Adopted ISPM, PT or DP is made publicly available

**Publication of an
ISPM**

CPs and RPPOs may form a Language Review Group (LRG) → proposes adjustments*
to translations of adopted ISPMs
*These adjustments are noted at next CPM session

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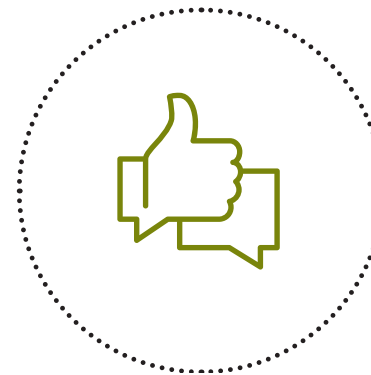
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SC to CPM-18: Recommending FOUR ISPMs for adoption

(Agenda Item 10)

- **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)
- **Draft revision of ISPM 4** (Requirements for the establishment of pest free areas) (2009-002)
- Draft annex to **ISPM 28 (Cold treatment for *Thaumatotibia leucotreta* on *Citrus sinensis*)** (2017-029)
- **Draft 2022 amendments to ISPM 5** (Glossary of phytosanitary terms) (1994-001)





IPPC Standard Setting Process main steps and calendar

Submitting topics	Call for topics (every 2 years) *SC and CPM	Next call in 2025: May to August
Submitting phytosanitary treatments	Open call	On going call (via IPP)
SC nominations	1 time per year	CPM sessions - Letter for nominations
Experts' nominations	Throughout the year	Call for experts: EWGs, Technical Panels, DP drafting groups (authors)
SC meetings	3 times per year	SC May, SC-7 (May) and SC November
Consultation period for draft Specifications and ISPMs (via OCS)	1 time per year (90 days)* *For draft DPs: 2 times per year	01 July – 30 September *For draft DPs: 30 January – 03 May
Consultation period for CPM Recommendations (via OCS)	1 time per year (90 days)	01 July – 30 September
Expert consultation on draft DPs	Throughout the year (at least 30 days)	(via IPP)
DP Notification period (adoption process for draft DPs) (via IPP)	2 times per year (45 days)	01 July – 15 August 05 January – 20 February
Adoption of ISPMs	1 time per year	CPM sessions



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Thank you

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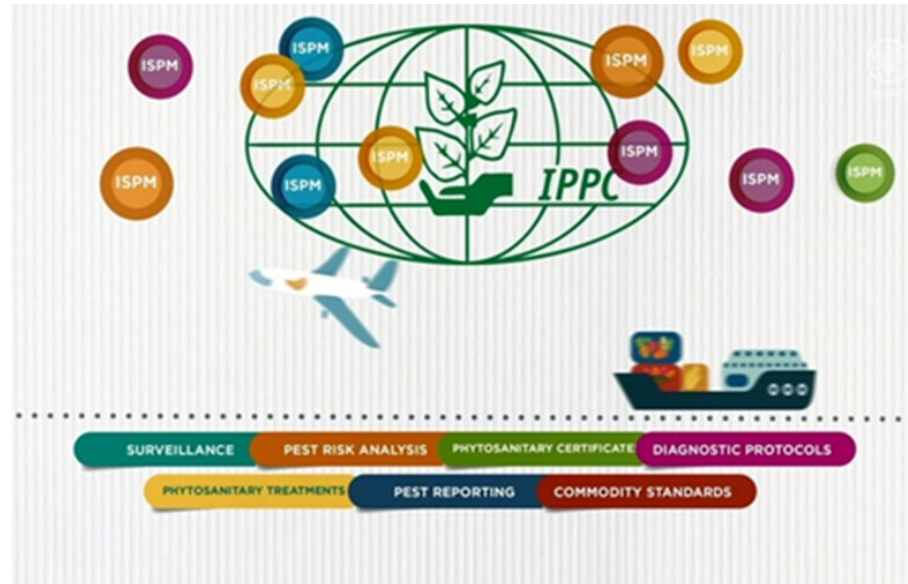


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The IPPC standards: International Standards on Phytosanitary Measures (ISPMs)



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