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DRAFT SPECIFICATION FOR ISPM: Safe provision of food and other humanitarian aid (2021-020)

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Background

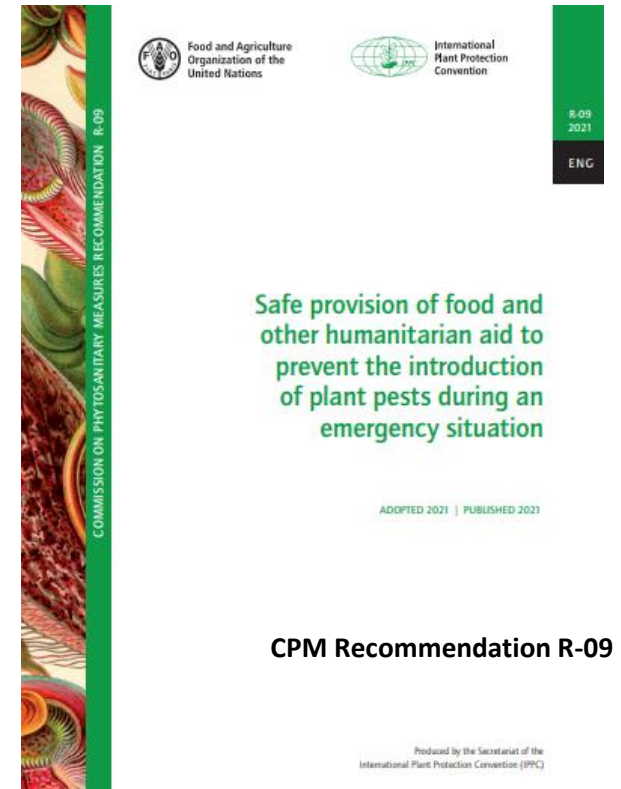
- In June 2021 the topic *Safe provision of food and other humanitarian aid (2021-020)* was submitted during the IPPC call for topics.
- The CPM Focus Group on the Safe Provision of Food and Other Humanitarian Aid revised the draft specification in February 2023, as part of their Terms of Reference, as approved by CPM-16 in 2022.
- The CPM Bureau reviewed and provided comment in June 2023.
- In October 2023 the Focus Group revised the draft specification and subsequently presented it to the CPM Bureau and Strategic Planning Group (SPG).
- The CPM Focus Group on the Safe Provision of Food and Other Humanitarian Aid again revised the specification in November 2023, taking into account comments from the CPM Bureau and SPG in preparation for presentation to CPM-18.
- CPM-18 approved the draft specification “[Safe provision of food and other humanitarian aid \(2021-020\)](#)” for consultation in April 2024 and agreed that a cover note would accompany the draft specification, to provide guidance to contracting parties on the approach being taken with the document.





Reason for the development of the draft Specification (2021-020)

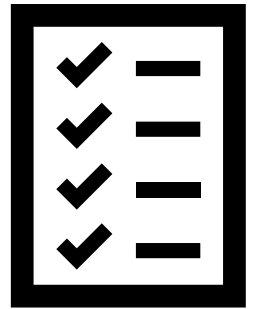
- The focus group on Safe provision of food and other humanitarian aid (FGSA) was established after agreement by CPM-16 in April 2022 in line with the proposal by the Standards Committee (SC) and the Implementation and Capacity Development Committee (IC) to explore ways to address the complex issue of managing pest risks effectively during emergency situations.
- In February 2023, the FGSA agreed that revising the adopted CPM Recommendation (R09): *Safe provision of food and other humanitarian aid to prevent the introduction of plant pests during an emergency situation* would not meet the need of the contracting parties to address this topic.
- The group concluded that gaps exist in the current scope of ISPMs and so a new, specific ISPM may help address this topic by providing better and proper guidance to the countries part of the “aid supply chain” or “aid pathway”.





Scope

- The draft specification outlines the scope of the proposed ISPM. The ISPM should provide guidance for the NPPOs of donor, transit or recipient countries on the safe movement of aid.
- The ISPM should address the pest risk associated with the use of emergency pathways and regulated pathways in emergency situations. It should describe how adopted ISPMs should apply in such situations, as well as addressing the remaining gaps identified along the aid supply chain.
- The ISPM should not cover issues of food safety or animal pests associated with the food-aid supply chain. However, some measures included in the ISPM may help mitigate the introduction and spread of organisms that may pose a risk to food safety or animal health.



Purpose

- The ISPM will help to mitigate the pest risk posed by aid that is moved along the supply chain by stakeholders (e.g. governments, aid agencies, exporters and importers, regional plant protection organizations (RPPOs), diasporas and the private sector). It will also guide donor, transit and recipient NPPOs to facilitate the safe movement of aid.
- The ISPM will support the preservation of contracting parties' sovereign authority to regulate, in accordance with applicable international agreements, the entry of plants and plant products and other regulated articles (Article VII of the IPPC) during the provision of aid.





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Main tasks that the FGSA should undertake in relation to the draft specification

CPM 18 agreed to extend the mandate of the FGSA until CPM-20 (2026), with the tasks as presented in [CPM 2024/24](#), as well as the following:

- Prepare a cover note outlining the steps and process to accompany with the draft specification for the consultation period; and
- The review of consultation comments and revision of the draft Specification to be presented to the Standards Committee (SC) prior to being presented back to the CPM-19 (2025).

→ In turn, the SC will present to the CPM the finalized draft specification with a request for the CPM to decide whether the development of an ISPM should proceed.





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Consultation period - 2024

- The 2024 consultation period opened on 1 July 2024, with the draft specification and cover note presented for comment.
 - Note:** the cover note advises that the release of the draft specification does not pre-empt the decision by CPM-19 to proceed to the development of an ISPM or not, and that the consultation simply serves as a way to provide contracting parties the opportunity to provide input and formally submit views on the document.
- The 2024 consultation period will close on 30 September 2024.
- As agreed by CPM-18, upon conclusion of the consultation period, the FGSA will review and reply to the consultation comments and revise the draft Specification, to be presented to SC prior to being presented back to the CPM-19 (2025).



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