



International Plant Protection Convention



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**International Symposium on Plant and Biodiversity Protection:  
Optimizing Container Design to Mitigate Risks of Pest Contamination in the  
International Containerized Supply Chain**

**Hilton Rotterdam  
Rotterdam, Netherlands**

**Symposium Room – The Rotterdam Room  
Registration, Coffee  
Lunch – Upper Lobby**

**November 11, 2024**

**Preliminary programme**

| Registration |                              |
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| Time         | Description                  |
| 09:00-09:45  | Registration of participants |

| Opening and Welcome<br>Moderator: Martijn Schenk (NPPO – NVWA) |   |                     |
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| Time   | Description   | Speakers            |
| 09:45-10:00  | Housekeeping and Industry welcome   | Patrick Hicks (COA) |
|  | CPM Chair and CPM Focus Group on Sea Containers Chair                         | Gregory Wolff       |
|  | Director NPPO - Netherlands Food and Consumer Product Safety Authority (NVWA) | Corné van Alphen    |

| Session 1: Understanding the risks to plant health and biodiversity & to the sea container pathway<br>Moderator: Patrick Hicks (COA) |   |   |
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| Time   | Topic   | Speaker/Activity  |
| 10:00-10:10  | Container cleanliness: shippers' responsibilities and perspectives  | James Hookham (Global Shippers Forum (GSF))   |
| 10:10-10:30  | Presentation 1: Summary of main conclusions from the IPBES report related to pest contamination                             | Helen ROY (Intergovernmental Platform on Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services (IPBES) – virtual) |
| 10:30-10:50  | Presentation 2: Sea Container Pathway: Overview of the risks posed by the pest contamination and their economic consequence | Martijn Schenk (NPPO – NVWA)  |
| 10:50-11:05  | Break   |   |

| <b>11:05-11:50 Session 2: Container Design Modifications</b><br><b>Moderators: Thorwald Geuze (NPPO – NVWA)</b>  |   |  |
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| <b>Time</b>  | <b>Topic</b>  | <b>Speaker/Activity</b>  |
| <b>11:05-11:30</b>   | Presentation 3: Sea Container Structures: Common locations of pest contamination and CPM recommendations on container structures to minimise pest contamination | <b>Rama Karri (Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry, Australia)</b>   |
| <b>11:30-12:00</b>   | Presentation 4: Introduction to design modification options and constraints.  | <b>Mike Downes (Bureau International des Containers – BIC and CCIAG Chair)</b><br><b>Jinping Hu (China International Marine Containers (CIMC))</b> |
| <b>12:00-13:00</b>   | <b>Lunch break (provided)</b>   |  |
| <b>13:00-15:30 Session 3: Breakout Working Groups</b><br><b>Moderators: Lars Kjaer (WSC) and Mike Downes (BIC and CCIAG Chair)</b>   |   |  |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Participants are divided into breakout groups.</li> <li>• Each group will discuss given topics related to pest contamination risks and design modifications.</li> <li>• Groups work on formulating actionable recommendations.</li> </ul>                           |   |  |
| <b>15:30-15:45</b>   | <b>Break</b>  |  |
| <b>15:45-17:15 Plenary Session</b><br><b>Moderators: Lars Kjaer (WSC) and Mike Downes (BIC and CCIAG Chair)</b>  |   |  |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Representatives from each breakout group present their findings and recommendations.</li> <li>• Open discussion and debate on the presented recommendations.</li> <li>• Refinement and consolidation of recommendations based on feedback and consensus.</li> </ul> |   |  |
| <b>17:15-17:45 Finalization of Recommendations</b><br><b>Moderators: Lars Kjaer (WSC) and Mike Downes (BIC and CCIAG Chair)</b>  |   |  |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Synthesis of discussions and finalization of actionable recommendations.</li> <li>• Agreement on next steps.</li> </ul>   |   |  |
| <b>17:45-18:00 Closing Remarks</b><br><b>IPPC &amp; Patrick Hicks (COA)</b>  |   |  |