



Adjustments to the IPPC standard setting process: changes to the consultation period and notification period for diagnostic protocols

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ADJUSTMENTS TO THE IPPC STANDARD SETTING PROCESS: CHANGES TO THE CONSULTATION PERIOD AND NOTIFICATION PERIOD FOR DIAGNOSTIC PROTOCOLS

AGENDA ITEM 9.1.2

(Prepared by the IPPC Secretariat)

Background

- [1] This paper contains revisions to the *IPPC procedure manual for standard setting* that have been applied following two changes to the process for diagnostic protocols (DPs) as approved by the Standards Committee (SC) in May and November 2024.
- [2] These changes do not affect the Standard Setting Procedure itself and the modifications are to parts of the manual that are applied by the IPPC Secretariat: existing blue font, which refers to unofficial text, and annexes.
- [3] The additions are shown underlined below while the deletions are struck through.
- [4] The section numbers of the *IPPC procedure manual for standard setting* have been retained.
- [5] The modified version of the *IPPC procedure manual for standard setting* is available at <https://www.ippc.int/en/publications/85024/>.

Revisions to the *IPPC procedure manual for standard setting* for noting by CPM-19 (2025)

- [6] During the SC meeting in November 2024, the SC agreed to move the DP notification period from “5 January – 20 February” to “30 January – 15 March”. The SC also invited CPM-19 (2025) to note that an additional consultation period may be opened for DPs only, in January–May (in addition to the consultation period in July–September).
- [7] These decisions are reflected in revisions to the *IPPC procedure manual for standard setting*, in section 3.5 and Annex 9, as follows:

3.5 Adoption of standards

[...]

DPs are approved by the SC and submitted to a 45-day notification period, during which CPs may submit objections. The notification period for approved DPs is twice a year on defined dates (~~currently 05/01–20/02~~30/01–15/03 and 01/07–15/08).

[...]

ANNEX 9: IPPC Secretariat document processing calendar

[...] ³deadlines agreed by SC May 2017; ⁴deadlines agreed by SC November 2024; ⁵additional consultation period for DPs only agreed by SC May 2024.

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DIAGNOSTIC PROTOCOLS SPECIFIC DEADLINES	NOTES
Consultation of draft DPs (90 days)	Starts <u>30 January</u> ⁵ / 1 July
Secretariat posts draft DP and SC responses to consultation comments publicly on the IPP for DP notification period	Before start of DP notification period
DP notification period (45 days)	5 January to 20 February <u>30 January to 15 March</u> ⁴ / 1 July to 15 August ³

[...]

Recommendation

^[8] The CPM is invited to:

- (1) *note* the changes to the DP consultation and notification periods and the corresponding revisions to the *IPPC procedure manual for standard setting*.