



COMMISSION ON PHYTOSANITARY MEASURES

NINETEENTH SESSION

PROPOSED MODIFICATIONS TO THE PROCEDURE FOR THE ADOPTION OF CPM RECOMMENDATIONS

AGENDA ITEM 11.2

(Prepared by Canada)

- [1] Following adoption of the IPPC's CPM Recommendation 06, during the April 2024 Bureau meetings, the Chair of the Focus Group on Sea Containers raised concerns about the final adoption procedure for CPM Recommendations, noting that it differed from the procedure for how final drafts of ISPMs are presented to the Commission on Phytosanitary Measures (CPM). This results in the prospect of perhaps unnecessary discussions on draft CPM Recommendations during CPM meetings. In contrast, the procedure for presenting draft ISPMs to CPM has successfully focused detailed work on any concerns on their content to the period immediately preceding each CPM, and it would seem that a similar approach could be adopted for draft CPM Recommendations.
- [2] The Chair therefore offered to propose modifications to the procedure to be more consistent with the approach used for presenting draft ISPMs for adoption, in which objections are required in writing before the relevant CPM meeting. A proposed modification to the existing procedure was presented to the Bureau during its meetings in June and October, and to the Strategic Planning Group in October.
- [3] Based on this, a proposed modified procedure for the adoption of CPM Recommendations is presented below. The basis for the proposed text is derived from the text contained in the standard setting procedural manual as it pertains to final adoption of draft ISPMs. In addition to the proposed change to the final process for presenting draft CPM Recommendations to CPM for adoption, some differences between the various steps in the processes are included below, reflecting the different nature of these two categories of guidance and in how they are developed.
- [4] It should be noted that it is not proposed to subject draft CPM Recommendations to two rounds of consultation by default. However, the Bureau or the CPM may in any annual cycle determine that a further consultation period is required depending on responses received during initial consultations.
- [5] The proposed process for developing and adopting CPM Recommendations is as follows:
- (1) A contracting party (CP), a Regional Plant Protection Organization, a Focus Group or other subsidiary body, or the IPPC Secretariat, may propose a topic for a CPM Recommendation and present it to the CPM. The rationale or justification for the development of a CPM Recommendation should also be provided. An initial draft of the proposed CPM Recommendation may also be presented to the CPM for consideration in conjunction with this.
 - (2) The need for a new CPM Recommendation should be discussed and agreed by the CPM.
 - (3) A draft (or where necessary a revised draft) CPM Recommendation should then be prepared by the IPPC Secretariat or the proponent of the draft CPM Recommendation by 15 May and circulated for comments, along with the rationale or justification for its need, for a period of three months during the same period as for consultations on draft ISPMs. Only one consultation period is anticipated for draft CPM Recommendations.

- (4) Comments are collected and compiled using the IPPC Online Comment System (OCS) and compiled comments are published on the International Phytosanitary Portal (IPP).
- (5) The proponent of the draft CPM Recommendation will revise draft CPM Recommendation as necessary based on comments received, and then submit the revised draft to the CPM Bureau for consideration, further revision if necessary and a decision on presentation to the CPM for adoption.
- (6) Following approval by the Bureau, the draft CPM Recommendation is included on the agenda of the CPM session.
- (7) The draft CPM Recommendation is submitted to the CPM for adoption available in the languages of the Organization as soon as possible and at least six weeks before the opening of the next CPM session.
- (8) If all CPs support the adoption of the draft CPM Recommendation, the CPM should adopt it without discussion.
- (9) If any CP does not support the adoption of the draft CPM Recommendation, the CP may submit a formal written objection. The scope for an objection to a draft CPM Recommendation is broader than for an objection to a draft ISPM due to the nature of the guidance contained in a CPM Recommendation. As some content of CPM Recommendations may not be technical in nature, an objection may be accompanied by either a technical justification or an alternative explanation, and suggestions for improvement of the draft CPM Recommendation which are likely to be acceptable to other CPs and be submitted to the IPPC Secretariat no later than three weeks before the CPM session. Concerned CPs should make every effort to seek agreement before the CPM session. The objection will be added to the CPM agenda and the CPM will be asked to decide on a way forward.
- (10) If the draft CPM Recommendation is not adopted and needs further review or revision, the CPM may decide to send it to an appropriate CPM body or group, or the original proponent, for further revision. The revised CPM Recommendation would then be sent to the next CPM for consideration and adoption.
- (11) Adopted CPM Recommendations are numbered and formatted by the IPPC Secretariat and posted on the IPP.

Recommendations

[6] The CPM is invited to:

- (1) *Consider* and *adopt* the proposed modifications to the procedure for adopting CPM Recommendations