



## COMMISSION ON PHYTOSANITARY MEASURES

### NINETEENTH SESSION

#### STRATEGIC FRAMEWORK DEVELOPMENT AGENDA ITEM

#### COMMODITY-SPECIFIC ISPMs

#### AGENDA ITEM 12.2

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#### Background

- [1] The IPPC Strategic Framework 2020–2030 includes eight development-agenda items (DAIs), including the development of commodity and pathway-specific International Standards for Phytosanitary Measures (ISPMs).
- [2] The CPM, the only global standard-setting entity for plant health, is developing new ISPMs to provide guidance to countries in protecting internationally traded commodities through better monitoring, prevention, detection and response to threats from plant pests. New standards will also aid in addressing import regulation challenges and other phytosanitary issues.
- [3] It is expected that by 2030 many new ISPMs will have been adopted and implemented for specific commodities and pathways, with, as required, accompanying diagnostic protocols and phytosanitary treatments to support implementation. Moreover, it is expected that these commodity-specific ISPMs will provide national plant protection organizations (NPPOs) with harmonized phytosanitary measures, which they may use to support their pest risk analysis activities and import regulatory systems, or to establish export-oriented production systems. Commodity-specific ISPMs are expected to simplify trade and expedite market-access negotiations.

#### Benefits

- [4] Commodity-specific standards will facilitate market access, simplify and accelerate trade negotiations, create market opportunities and simplify safe trade in plants and plant products.
- [5] These standards will promote harmonized and technically justified phytosanitary measures and import requirements among IPPC contracting parties.
- [6] Developing countries will be able to trade more quickly since harmonized phytosanitary measures will limit restrictions on importation.

#### Key points and principles

- [7] The development, adoption and implementation of commodity standards will not alter the sovereign rights and fundamental obligations under the IPPC and the World Trade Organization Agreement on Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures (SPS Agreement). Moreover, as agreed by the CPM:
  - The regulation of pests will remain firmly based on pest risk analysis and subject to technical justification.

- Obligations will not be imposed on importing countries.
- The list of pests and phytosanitary measures in each specific commodity standard is not exhaustive.

## Update on status of implementation

- [8] The DAI is being implemented for commodity-specific ISPMs and is led by the Standard Setting Unit within the IPPC Secretariat. It is under the guidance and oversight of the IPPC Standards Committee (SC) and it is being delivered by the IPPC Technical Panel on Commodity Standards (TPCS) and the Standard Setting Unit.
- [9] The TPCS<sup>1</sup> was established by the Fourteenth Session of the Commission on Phytosanitary Measures (CPM-14) in 2019<sup>2</sup> to support the development of specific commodity standards within the framework of [ISPM 46 \(Commodity-specific standards for phytosanitary measures\)](#), to ensure that sufficient rigour, resources and focus can be provided, and to develop guidance on related issues. The TPCS works under the guidance of the SC, following the technical-panel working procedures<sup>3</sup> and the approved Specification TP 6 (*Technical Panel on Commodity Standards*).<sup>4</sup> The [TPCS membership and contact information](#) can be found on the International Phytosanitary Portal.<sup>5</sup>
- [10] With the current volume of work and subjects in the IPPC work programme (as of December 2024) the **new projection** is that by **2028** there will be **seven adopted annexes to ISPM 46**, as outlined below (see Figure 1).

## IPPC work programme – volume of work

### TPCS work programme

- [11] Currently, there are eight subjects under the work programme of the TPCS (as of 10 December 2024). This includes seven subjects that were added to the work programme of the TPCS by CPM-18 (2024), to be developed as annexes to ISPM 46.<sup>6</sup> The eight subjects are:
- International movement of *Mangifera indica* fruit (2021-011), priority 1;
  - International movement of seeds of *Phaseolus vulgaris* (2023-008), priority 1;
  - International movement of fresh *Colocasia esculenta* (taro) for consumption (2023-023), priority 1;
  - International movement of fresh *Musa* spp. (banana) fruit (2023-028), priority 1;
  - International movement of *Citrus* fruit (2023-019), priority 1;
  - International movement of *Vitis vinifera* fruit (2023-018), priority 2;
  - International movement of *Malus domestica* fruit for consumption (2023-024), priority 2; and
  - International movement of fresh orange (*Citrus sinensis*) fruit (2023-027), priority 2.
- [12] The draft annex *International movement of Mangifera indica fruit* (2021-011) to ISPM 46 is being presented to the CPM-19 (2025) for adoption.

<sup>1</sup> More information about the TPCS can be found at <https://www.ippc.int/en/core-activities/standards-setting/expert-drafting-groups/technical-panels/technical-panel-on-commodity-standards/>.

<sup>2</sup> CPM-14 (2019), agenda item 8.1: [https://assets.ippc.int/static/media/files/publication/en/2019/07/CPM-14\\_Report\\_withISPMs-2019-07-31.pdf](https://assets.ippc.int/static/media/files/publication/en/2019/07/CPM-14_Report_withISPMs-2019-07-31.pdf)

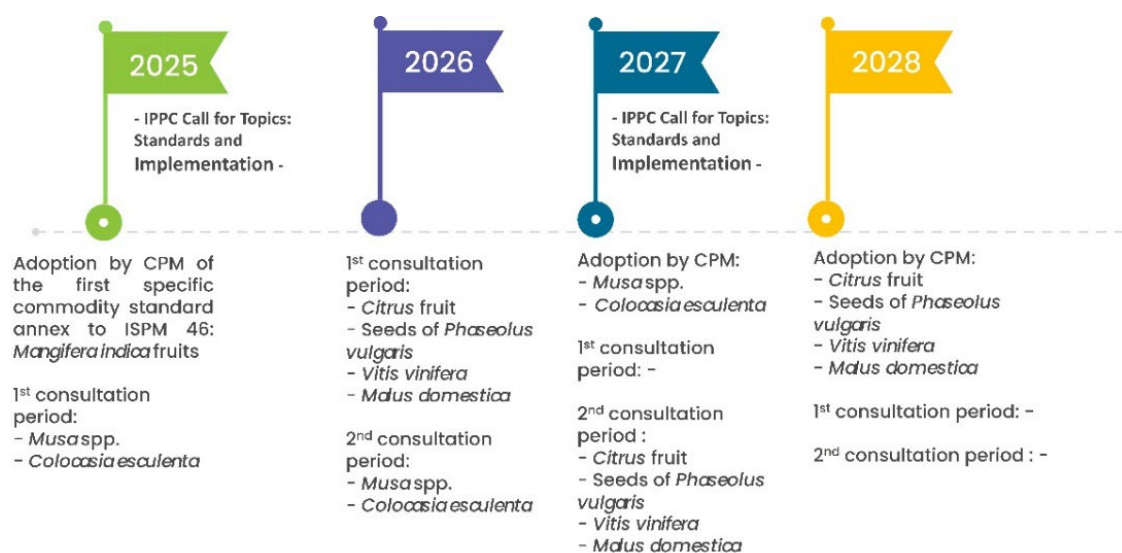
<sup>3</sup> IPPC procedure manual for standard setting: <https://www.ippc.int/en/publications/85024/>

<sup>4</sup> Specification TP 6 (*Technical Panel on Commodity Standards*): <https://www.ippc.int/en/publications/89276/>

<sup>5</sup> TPCS main page on International Phytosanitary Portal: <https://www.ippc.int/en/core-activities/standards-setting/expert-drafting-groups/technical-panels/technical-panel-on-commodity-standards/>

<sup>6</sup> IPPC 2023 call for topics: <https://www.ippc.int/en/core-activities/standards-and-implementation/call-for-topics-standards-and-implementation/>

- [13] The TPCS worked intensively during 2024 and made significant progress on the development of “banana – *Musa* spp.” and “fresh taro – *Colocasia esculenta*” standards, which are now planned for first consultation in 2025. The draft annex for *Citrus* fruits advanced in the face-to-face TPCS meeting; however, additional time and information were needed. For 2025, two face-to-face meetings of the TPCS are planned to advance the development of the new commodity standards with the highest priorities.
- [14] It is worth noting that, in 2025, the IPPC Secretariat will open the IPPC Call for Topics: Standards and Implementation – the stage of the standard setting process at which contracting parties and regional plant protection organizations can submit topic proposals, including for the development of new commodity standards. Also, by the time this paper was prepared, a call for two replacement experts for the TPCS had been opened with a deadline of 31 January 2025.<sup>7</sup>
- [15] Figure 1 provides a summary of the tentative timeline on the progress of this DAI and the commodity standards, as of 10 December 2024, following the stages in the IPPC standard setting process.



**Figure 1.** Tentative timeline for the development of IPPC specific commodity standards (as of 10 December 2024). It is expected that, by 2028, seven specific commodity standards will be adopted as annexes to ISPM 46.

Note: CPM, Commission on Phytosanitary Measures; ISPM, International Standard for Phytosanitary Measures.

## Financial contributions and in-kind staff contributions

- [16] As of December 2024, Australia, Canada, the European Union, France, Japan and New Zealand have provided financial resources to support this DAI on commodity-specific standards. This does not include in-kind contributions from NPPO staff supporting the first two face-to-face meetings of the TPCS in Japan and Australia, and the time and expertise of technical-panel members and SC stewards. Additional financial support will be needed to ensure continuity of the development of these standards within the IPPC Standard Setting Procedure, as well as to support the development of awareness-raising and advocacy material.

## Recommendation

- [17] The CPM is invited to:
- (1) note the update on the development-agenda item on commodity standards.

<sup>7</sup> Call for experts for TPCS: <https://www.ippc.int/en/calls/2024-11-call-for-experts-for-technical-panel-on-commodity-standards-tpcs/>