



Cover paper draft specification for an ISPM related to the provision of safe food and other humanitarian aid

COMMISSION ON PHYTOSANITARY MEASURES

NINETEENTH SESSION

COVER PAPER DRAFT SPECIFICATION FOR AN ISPM RELATED TO THE PROVISION OF SAFE FOOD AND OTHER HUMANITARIAN AID

AGENDA ITEM 13.1

(Prepared by the Focus Group and the IPPC Secretariat)

Background

- [1] During the 18th session of the Commission on Phytosanitary Measures in 2024 (CPM-18) the CPM Focus Group on the Safe Provision of Food and Other Humanitarian Aid (FGSA) presented a paper that included a draft specification for a proposed International Standard for Phytosanitary Measures (ISPM) aiming to support safe movement of products moved as aid, as per its Terms of Reference.
- [2] On this issue, CPM-18 made the following decisions with decision points 4 and 5 most relevant here (and in **bold text**):
- 1) *noted* the work of the CPM Focus Group on the Safe Provision of Food and Other Humanitarian Aid to date;
 - 2) *approved* the draft specification on *Safe provision of food and other humanitarian aid* (2021-020) to be submitted for consultation in July 2024 (Appendix 1 of CPM 2024/23);
 - 3) *requested* that the focus group prepare a cover note outlining the steps and process to accompany the draft specification for the consultation period;
 - 4) ***agreed that the focus group would review the consultation comments received for the draft specification on *Safe provision of food and other humanitarian aid* (2021-020) and present a revised draft specification, and responses to the comments, to the SC;***
 - 5) ***agreed that the SC, following their consideration, would present to the CPM the finalized draft specification with a request for the CPM to decide whether the development of an ISPM should proceed; and***
 - 6) *agreed* to extend the mandate of the focus group until CPM-20 (2026), with tasks as presented in CPM 2024/24, including the review of consultation comments and revision of the draft specification to be presented to the SC before being presented back to CPM-19 (2025).
- [3] After the draft specification was consulted through the 2024 consultation period, the FGSA revised the document to address all comments received, in line with CPM-18 decision point 4 (above) and submitted the revised draft specification along with the responses to the comments to the Standards Committee (SC) at their November 2024 meeting. The SC, in line with CPM-18 decision point 5, reviewed and further refined the draft specification for this proposed ISPM.
- [4] The attached draft specification (**Attachment 1**) has been agreed by the SC for presentation to CPM-19.

Recommendations

[5] The CPM is invited to:

- (1) *determine*, in accordance with the decision of CPM-18 (2024), whether to proceed with the development of an ISPM; and
- (2) if proceeding, and in line with the Standard Setting Procedure, *approve* the draft specification (**Attachment 1**), *add* this topic to the *List of topics for IPPC standards* and *assign* a priority to the topic.