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## The IPPC Standard Setting Procedure: an overview

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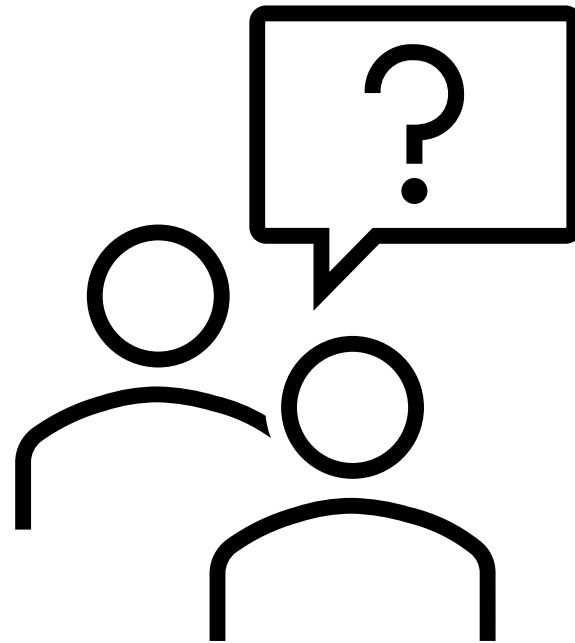


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# Why set international standards?







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# Why set international standards?



All contracting parties operate on a **same level playing field**, facilitating the **safe trade** of plants and plant products.



The aim of **international standards** is to **harmonize phytosanitary measures**.



Facilitate **safe international trade**, **protect the environment** and ensure **food security**.



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# Phytosanitary measures: basic principles



- Only when necessary
- No more restrictive than necessary
- Technical justification
- Minimal impact
- Non-discrimination (→Equivalence of phytosanitary measures)
- Transparency

**ISPM1 - *Phytosanitary principles for the protection of plants and the application of phytosanitary measures in international trade*** (adopted in 1993, revised in 2006)



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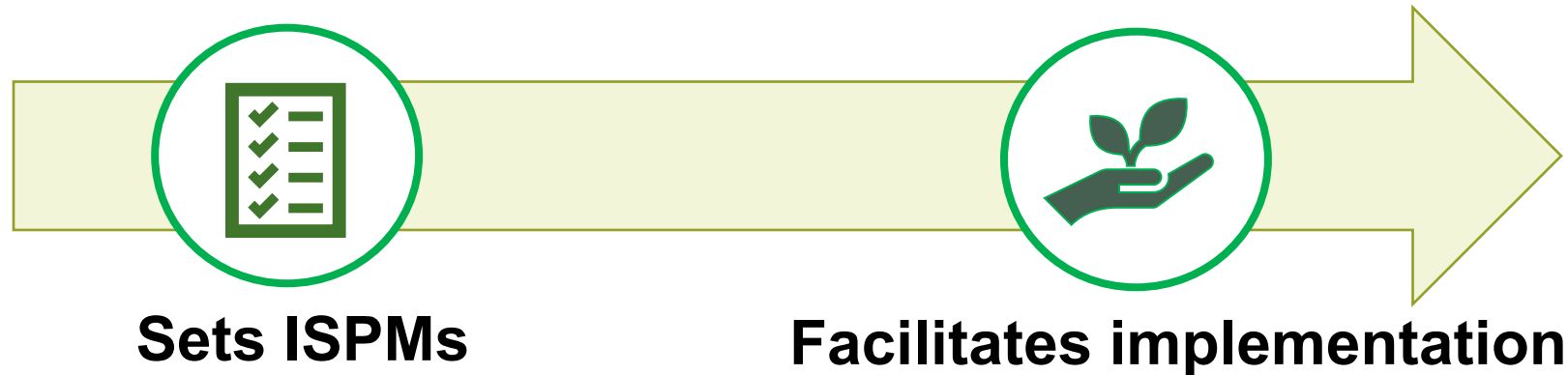
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# Unlocking the power of standards to protect plant health globally

## In practice, what does the IPPC do?







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# The IPPC standards: International Standards on Phytosanitary Measures (ISPMs)

## KEY POINTS



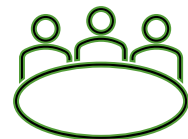
Subject matter **experts** develop ISPMs



The development of ISPMs are under the oversight of the **Standards Committee**



Undergo **technical review** during consultation(s) period(s)



The Commission on Phytosanitary Measures (**CPM**) **adopts ISPMs**



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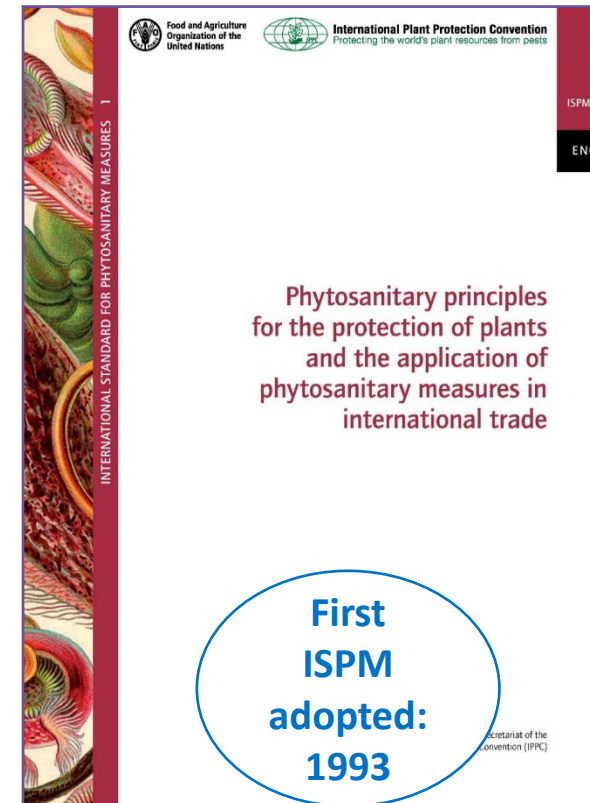
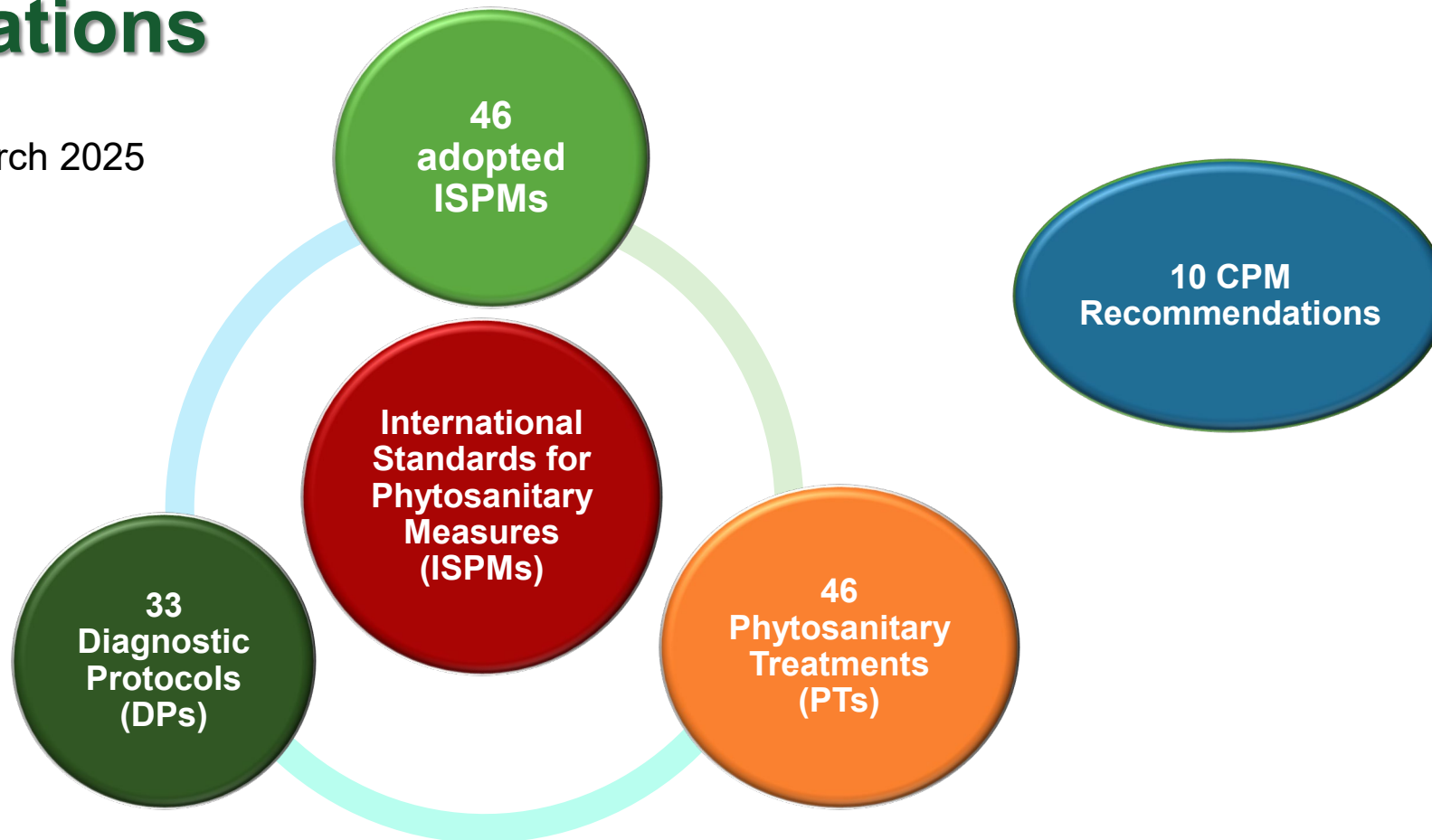


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# ISPMs: The framework for phytosanitary systems and operations

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## International Standards for Phytosanitary Measures (ISPMs)

pest surveillance

phytosanitary certificates

pest free areas

glossary terms

pest reporting

pest risk analysis

export certification

diagnostic protocols

audit in the phytosanitary context

phytosanitary treatments

wood packaging material

commodity-specific standards

international movement of seeds

international movement of wood



## CPM Recommendations

HTS technologies

E-commerce

Sea Containers

Safe provisions of humanitarian aid

IPPC coverage of aquatic  
plants

Threats to biodiversity posed by  
alien species





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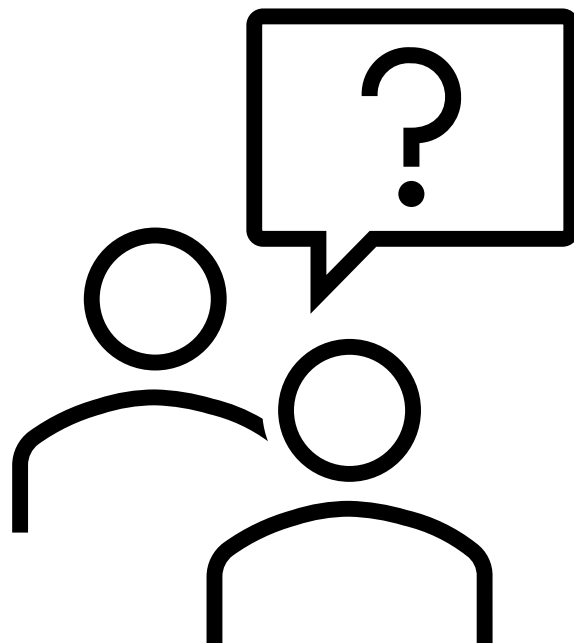
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# How is the IPPC standard setting process?





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## Standards Committee (SC)



Consists of 25 members from each of the seven FAO regions



Oversees the IPPC Standard Setting Process



Manages the development of ISPMs



Provides guidance and oversight to the work of Expert Drafting Groups





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## IPPC Standard Setting Process



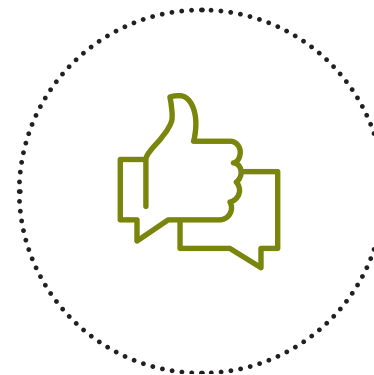
List of  
topics

(Stage 1)



Drafting  
standards

(Stage 2)



Consultation and  
review

(Stage 3)



Adopting and  
publication

(Stage 4)



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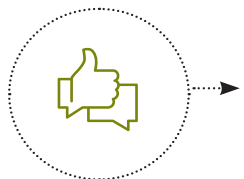
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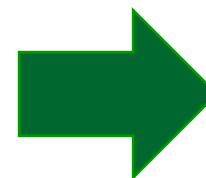
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Adopting and publication

(Stage 4)

~ 6-8 years



✓ **T**ransparent process

✓ **I**nclusive process

✓ **P**articipatory - all  
contracting parties can  
participate in all steps





List of topics (LOT)

(Stage 1)

**CPs and RPPOs**  
Submit topics

**SC**  
Reviews topics submitted  
Recommend priorities and submit to CPM

**CPM**  
Reviews, changes and adopts List of topics (LOT) for IPPC standards

**Call for topics:  
every 2 years**

To submit the topics for ISPMs

✓ Draft specification

✓ Literature review

✓ Justification

**SC and CPM  
review LOT  
annually**

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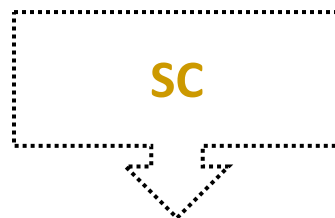
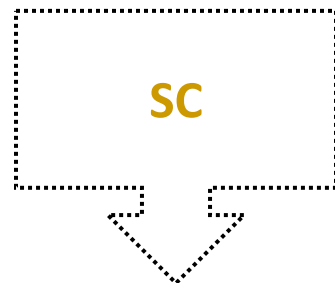
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## Drafting standards

(Stage 2)

## Development of a specification



Assigns a lead Steward and assistant(s) for each topic  
Reviews draft Specification  
Approves draft Specification for consultation period

Makes draft Specification publicly available  
Solicits comments through [Online Comment System \(OCS\)](#) **90 days**  
Comments received: compiles → makes publicly available → submits to Steward and to SC for consideration

Revises and approves Specification\* (**exception see CPM-19 agenda item 13.1: "Safe humanitarian aid"**)

Makes Specification publicly available





# Drafting standards

(Stage 2)

**IPPC Secretariat**

Issues call for experts – Nominations for EWG or TP members from NPPOs and RPPOs

**Expert Drafting Group (EDG) (EWG or TP)**

Drafts or revises draft ISPM in accordance with Specification

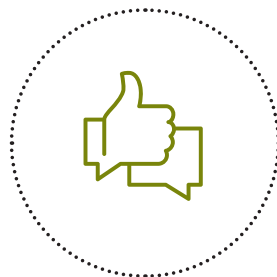
**SC**

Reviews draft ISPM at the meetings (for DP or PT, electronically)

Decides:

- to approve the ISPM for consultation
- to return it to Steward or EDG or
- to put it on hold

**Preparation of a draft ISPM**



Consultation and review

(Stage 3)

First/Second consultation - 90 days

IPPC Secretariat

Steward

SC-7

IPPC Secretariat

Draft ISPM approved by SC for 1st consultation → makes publicly available

Solicits comments through the Online Comment System (OCS)

Compiles comments and makes publicly available → submits to Steward for consideration

Reviews and prepares responses to comments + revises draft ISPM → submits to IPPC Secretariat

Records responses to major issues in SC-7 meeting report

Approves draft ISPM for 2nd consultation

Draft ISPM approved by SC for 2nd consultation → makes publicly available



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Adopting and  
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To submit an objection

✓ Technical justification

✓ Suggestions for improvement

If no objection,  
CPM adopts ISPMs  
without discussion

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Adopting and  
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(Stage 4)



Adopted ISPM, PT or DP is made publicly available

Publication of an  
ISPM

CPs and RPPOs may form a **Language Review Group (LRG)** → proposes adjustments\*  
to translations of adopted ISPMs

\*These adjustments are noted at next CPM session

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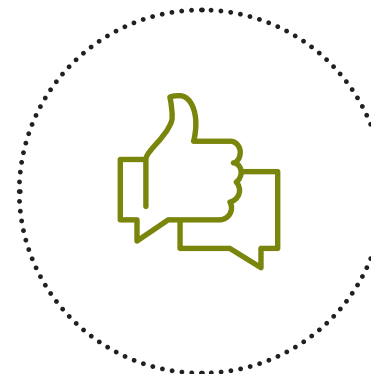
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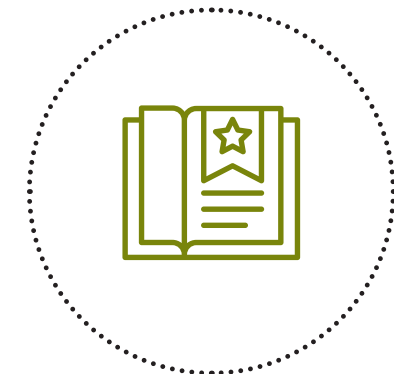
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(Stage 2)



Consultation and  
review

(Stage 3)



Adopting and  
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(Stage 4)

## SC to CPM-19: Recommending two ISPMs for adoption

(Agenda Item 10)

- **Draft annex International movement of fresh *Mangifera indica* fruit (2021-011) to ISPM 46 (Commodity-specific standards for phytosanitary measures)**
- **Draft annex Use of systems approaches in managing the pest risk associated with the movement of wood (2015-004) to ISPM 39 (International movement of wood)**







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## IPPC Standard Setting Process main steps and calendar

<b>Submitting topics</b>	Call for topics (every 2 years) *SC and CPM	Next call in 2025: May to August
<b>Submitting phytosanitary treatments</b>	Open call	On going call (via IPP)
<b>SC nominations</b>	1 time per year	CPM sessions - Letter for nominations
<b>Experts' nominations</b>	Throughout the year	Call for experts: EWGs, Technical Panels, DP drafting groups (authors)
<b>SC meetings</b>	3 times per year	SC May, SC-7 (May) and SC November
<b>Consultation period for draft Specifications and ISPMs (via OCS)</b>	1 time per year (90 days)*  *For draft DPs: 2 times per year	01 July – 30 September  *For draft DPs: 30 January – 03 May
<b>Consultation period for CPM Recommendations (via OCS)</b>	1 time per year (90 days)	01 July – 30 September
<b>Expert consultation on draft DPs</b>	Throughout the year (at least 30 days)	(via IPP)
<b>DP Notification period (adoption process for draft DPs) (via IPP)</b>	2 times per year (45 days)	01 July – 15 August 31 January – 15 March
<b>Adoption of ISPMs</b>	1 time per year	CPM sessions



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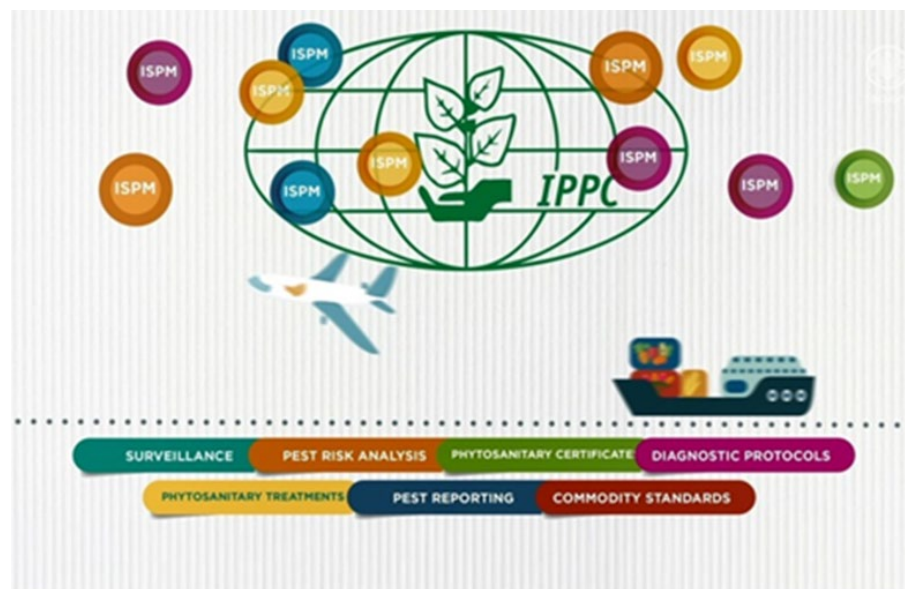
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# The IPPC standards: International Standards on Phytosanitary Measures (ISPMs)



<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=W8zciLFG--8>