Standard Setting Unit (SSU) 2025 tentative work plan

*(Prepared by the IPPC Secretariat)*

Background

1. This paper presents a tentative work plan for 2025 of the work of the Standard Setting Unit (SSU). The current SSU staff and their main areas of work are presented in the [linked chart](https://www.ippc.int/en/publications/2463/).
2. A tentative work plan for the 2024 year was presented to the Standards Committee (SC) in November 2023 in the paper “19\_SC\_2023\_Nov” and is available on the International Phytosanitary Portal (IPP).[[1]](#footnote-2)
3. A tentative work plan for 2025 is provided in Annex 1. A tentative calendar is provided in Annex 2. After the November 2024 SC meeting, this document and its annexes will be made available on the IPP (<https://www.ippc.int/en/core-activities/standards-setting/>).
4. Besides providing support to the Standards Committee (SC) and its direct activities (e.g. discussion papers, calls, e-decisions and meetings organization), the SSU also provides support to the overall management and activities of the IPPC Technical Panels, some CPM focus groups, liaison with FAO translation services, and of the IPPC Secretariat. The SSU also provides support to other IPPC subsidiary bodies (e.g. CPM Bureau and Strategic Planning Group (SPG)) and continues to be the focal points for the activities related to two development agenda items in the IPPC Strategic Framework 2020-2030: (1) commodity and pathways standards, (2) laboratory diagnostic networking. The SSU members also represent IPPC Secretariat in different meetings organized by FAO and partners.
5. It is planned that the 2025 SC meetings will take place physically in FAO HQ, on the pre-agreed dates of:

* **SC May:** 12 to 16 May 2025
* **SC-7:** 19 to 22 May 2025
* **SC November:** 17 to 21 November 2025

1. Pending decisions to be taken by the SC, the following draft ISPMs and documents are planned to be presented for adoption and consultation periods for 2025.[[2]](#footnote-3)

**Adoption by CPM-19 (2025):**

1. It is foreseen that the following draft ISPMs will be presented to the CPM-19 (March 2025) for adoption:

2 draft ISPMs:

* + Draft annex International movement of fresh *Mangifera indica* fruit (2021-011) to ISPM 46 (*Commodity-specific standards for phytosanitary measures*); and
  + 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*).

1. **3 diagnostic protocols adopted by the SC to CPM-19 for noting (from the July – August 2024, 45 days DP notification period):**
2. Revision of DP 09 *Genus Anastrepha* (2021-002)
3. Revision of DP 25 *Xylella fastidiosa* (2021-003)
4. Revision of DP 27 *Ips spp*. (2021-004)
5. **Approval by CPM-19 (2025) (following review by CPM FG Safe Aid and SC November 2024):**

* 1 draft Specification: Safe Provision of Food and Other Humanitarian Aid (2021-020)

1. **Consultation period on draft Specifications (01 July to 30 September, 90 days)**

* Annex Remote audits to ISPM 47 (Audit in the phytosanitary context) - Priority 1 (TBD by SC)
* Revision of ISPM 12 (Phytosanitary certificates) - Priority 1 (TBD by SC)
* Revision of ISPM 23 (Guidelines for inspection)- Priority 2 (TBD by SC)

1. **Diagnostic Protocol Notification Period 2025 (05 January- 20 February or 1 July – 15 August):**

* *Genus Pospiviroid* (2018-031), except PSTVD (DP 07)
* *Heterobasidion annosum sensu lato* (2021-015)
* *Meloidogyne mali* (2018-019)

1. **First consultation 2025 (01 July- 30 September. 90 days consultation period):**

Draft ISPMs:

* International movement of fresh taro (Colocasia esculenta) for consumption (2023-023)
* International movement of fresh banana (Musa paradisiaca) fruit (2023-028)

1 Draft Phytosanitary Treatment (PT):

* Draft annex to ISPM 28: Irradiation treatment for *Epiphyas postvittana* (2017-018) – priority 1

1. 4 Draft Diagnostic Protocols (DPs):  **(01 July- 30 September. 90 days consultation period):**

* *Drosophila suzukii (Diptera: Drosophilidae*) (2021-017), priority 1
* [*Tephritidae*: Identification of immature stages of fruit flies of economic importance by molecular techniques](https://www.ippc.int/en/core-activities/standards-setting/list-topics-ippc-standards/efficacy-of-measures-2001-001/) (2006- 028), priority 1
* *Dickeya spp.* on potato (2021-013), priority 2
* *Bactrocera zonata* and *Bactrocera correcta* (2021-013), priority 2

1. **Second consultation 2025 (01 July – 30 September. 90 days consultation period):**

3 Draft ISPMs:

* Draft revision of ISPM 26 (*Establishment and maintenance of pest free areas for fruit flies (Tephritidae)*) (2021-010);
* Draft annex to ISPM 23 (*Guidelines for inspection*) on field inspection (2021-018); and
* Draft annex to ISPM 38 (*International movement of seeds*) on the design and use of systems approaches for the phytosanitary certification of seeds. (2018-009).

1. Draft Phytosanitary Treatments (PTs):

* Draft annex to ISPM 28: Combination of irradiation and modified atmosphere treatment for *Trogoderma granarium* (2023-032)
* Draft annex to ISPM 28: Irradiation treatment for *Pseudococcus baliteus* (2023-033)
* Draft annex to ISPM 28: Irradiation treatment for *Paracoccus marginatus* (2023-034)
* Draft annex to ISPM 28: Irradiation treatment for *Planococuss lilacinus* (2023-035)

1. **Planned meetings for 2025:**

* SC May, SC-7 and SC November, Technical panels:
  + Technical Panel on Diagnostic Protocols (TPDP): Tentative October/November 2025
  + Technical Panel on Phytosanitary Treatments (TPPT): Tentative June 2025
  + Technical Panel for the Glossary (TPG): Tentative December 2025
* Technical Panel on Commodity Standards (TPCS): Tentative: June and December 2025)
* **EWG**
  + Draft specification on revision of the draft reorganized pest risk analysis ISPM (2023-037)
* **EWG (following decision of CPM-19)**
* Draft Specification: Safe Provision of Food and Other Humanitarian Aid (2021-020)
* CPM Focus Group,
* CPM Focus Group on Food and Other Humanitarian Aid (tentative: 16-20 June 2025)
* CPM Focus Group on Laboratory Diagnostic Network (tentative: 07-11 July 2025)
  + CPM Focus Group on Sea Containers
* Other meetings:
* Side session during CPM-19 (2025): IPPC commodity standards (TBC by Bureau)
  + System approach side session
* Webinar on Safe provisions of food and other humanitarian aid
  + Workshop on system approaches.

1. **Other activities:**

* IPPC 2025 Call for Topics: Standards and Implementation
* Meetings of Task Force for Topics
* Publication of adopted ISPMs (all FAO languages)
* Ink amendments to adopted ISPMs (all FAO languages)
* Language review groups (LRGs, in Ar, Ch, Ru and Sp)
* Calls for technical panel members (tentative: TPDP – mycologist and TPCS)
* Calls for experts, call for DP authors, calls for discussion papers
* E-Decisions
* Expert Consultation on Diagnostic Protocols
* Webinars:

1. **SSU awareness raising and training materials:**

* Videos on Standard Committee and Technical Panels
* OCS Training video
* Training videos on Call for Topics

1. **Liaison:** On behalf of the IPPC, some SSU staff conduct liaison activities with the following organizations[[3]](#footnote-4) (and others):

* Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD)
* International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) - FAO Joint Division
* Phytosanitary Measures Research Group (PMRG)
* International Forestry Quarantine Research Group (IFQRG)
* World Trade Organization – Sanitary and Phytosanitary (SPS) Committee and Secretariat
* World Food Programme (WFP)
* International Maritime Organization (IMO)
* World Custom Organization (WCO)
* United Nations Economic Commission for Europe (UNECE)
* World Organization for Animal Health (WOAH)
* Biological Weapons Convention (BWC)

Recommendations to the Standards Committee (SC):

1. The SC is invited to:
2. *discuss* any potential EWG for 2025;
3. *provide* comments and suggestions;
4. *note* the tentative list of activities for 2025; and
5. *note* the tentative dates for the SC meetings in 2025.

**Annex 1**

IPPC Secretariat - Standard Setting Unit (SSU)

2025 work plan – TENTATIVE

*(Updated on 2024-09-23)*

**Standards Committee (SC) May 2025 (12 to 16 May 2025):**

**Tentative points for agenda:**

1. **Draft ISPMs for approval for first consultation:**

draft ISPMs:

* International movement of fresh taro (*Colocasia esculenta*) for consumption (2023-023)
* International movement of fresh banana (*Musa paradisiaca*) fruit (2023-028)

1. **Draft Specifications for approval for consultation**

* Annex Remote audits to ISPM 47 (Audit in the phytosanitary context) - Priority 1 (TBD by SC)
* Revision of ISPM 12 (Phytosanitary certificates) - Priority 1 (TBD by SC)
* Revision of ISPM 23 (Guidelines for inspection)- Priority 2 (TBD by SC)

1. **Summary of e-decisions**
2. **Review of technical panels (from May 2024 to April 2025):**
3. Technical Panel for the Glossary (TPG)
4. Technical Panel on Phytosanitary Treatments (TPPT)
5. Technical Panel on Diagnostic Protocols (TPDP)
6. Technical Panel on Commodity Standards (TPCS)
7. **Review of the List of Topics for IPPC standards (LOT)**
8. **CPM-19 follow-ups**
9. **Standards committee**
10. **SC & IC update and enhancing synergies**

**Standards Committee working group (SC-7) May 2025 (19 to 23 May 2025), draft ISPMs:**

1. **Draft ISPMs for approval for second consultation:**

draft ISPMs:

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* Draft annex to ISPM 23 (*Guidelines for inspection*) on field inspection (2021-018);
* Draft annex to ISPM 38 (*International movement of seeds*) on the design and use of systems approaches for the phytosanitary certification of seeds. (2018-009).

**Standards Committee November 2025** (**17 to 21 November 2025, FAO HQ):**

**Tentative points for agenda:**

1. **Draft ISPMs for approval for recommendation to the Commission on Phytosanitary Measures (CPM-20) for adoption:**

* Draft revision of ISPM 26 (*Establishment and maintenance of pest free areas for fruit flies (Tephritidae*)) (2021-010);
* Draft annex to ISPM 23 (*Guidelines for inspection*) on field inspection (2021-018);
* Draft annex to ISPM 38 (*International movement of seeds*) on the design and use of systems approaches for the phytosanitary certification of seeds. (2018-009).

1. **Issues raised from the first consultation period**
2. **Approval of draft specifications**
3. **Summary of E-decisions**
4. **SC / IC interactions**
5. **Updates**

**Annex 2**

**STANDARD SETTING 2025 - TENTATIVE CALENDAR**

For updates, please check the IPPC calendar at <https://www.ippc.int/en/year/calendar/>

| **Quarter** | **Date** | **Activity** | **Venue** | **Category** |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| 1st | 05 January – 20 Feb 2025 | DP notification period |  |  |
| 30 January – 03 May 2025 | DP consultation period |  |  |
| 24 March 2025 | Objection period deadline for adoption of ISPMs closure (“three weeks prior CPM”) | - | Governance |
| 01 March 2025 | Posting draft ISPMs to SC May | - | Governance |
| 17-21 March 2025 | CPM-19 | FAO HQ | Governance |
| 2nd | 12 May 2025 | International Day of Plant Health | FAO HQ - RED ROOM |  |
| 12-16 May 2025 | Standards Committee May (SC) | FAO HQ | Governance |
| 19-23 May 2025 | Standards Committee working group (SC-7) | FAO HQ | Governance |
| 9-13- June 2025 | TPPT Face-to-face meeting | Japan (TBC) |  |
| 3rd | 01 July – 30 September 2025 | Consultation period on draft ISPMs and CPM Recommendations | - | Consultation period |
| 01 July – 30 September 2025 | Consultation period on draft specifications | - | Consultation period |
| XX -XX August 2025 | IPPC Regional Workshops | (various) | Expert input / Capacity development |
| XX Aug – XX September 2025 | IPPC Regional Workshops | (various) | Expert input / Capacity development |
| 4th | 22-24 October 2025 | CPM Bureau | FAO HQ: AZERBAIJAN ROOM |  |
| 27-31 October 2025 | Tentative - Strategic Planning Group | FAO HQ: GERMAN ROOM | Other |
| XX-XX October 2025 | TPDP Face-to-face meeting | - | - |
| 17-21 November 2025 | Standards Committee (SC) | FAO HQ: GERMAN ROOM | Governance |
| XX-XX October 2025 | TPCS Face-to-face meeting | - | - |
| 02-06 December 2025 | TPG | -Kenya (TBC) | - |

1. 2024 SSU Work Plan: <https://www.ippc.int/en/publications/92954/> [↑](#footnote-ref-2)
2. See calendar on IPP: <https://www.ippc.int/year/calendar/> [↑](#footnote-ref-3)
3. For more information, please visit the webpage: <https://www.ippc.int/en/core-activities/external-cooperation/> [↑](#footnote-ref-4)