

Draft Annex to ISPM 46: International movement of fresh Colocasia esculenta corms (2023-023)

First consultation: July 1 – 30 September 2025



- Colocasia esculenta (Taro) was:
 - proposed as an Annex to ISPM 46 in 2023
 - added to the TPCS work program by CPM 18 (2024) and;
 - drafted in December 2024
- Reminder Commodity Standards:
 - Are "Subjects" (not "Topics")
 - Do not have "specifications"
 - Are added to the TPCS work program by CPM





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Scope, Description and intended use

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 - Articulates the Annex covers taro for consumption or processing
- Description of the commodity and its intended use:
 - Fresh corms for consumption or processing
 - without leaves or lateral buds
 - Not corms that have already been processed

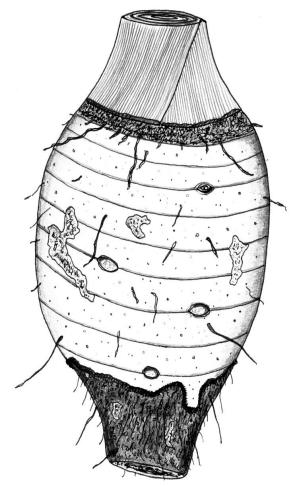


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Pests

- 17 Pests listed in this draft
- Includes viruses at this stage
 - Value contracting party comment on this inclusion, noting
 Considerations in this presentation
- All pests listed have associated "options for phytosanitary measures" used in trade



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Considerations

- This root crop is inherently:
 - Dirty
 - Rough surfaced
 - Difficult to inspect for pests.
- New text to try to address this has been included at paragraph
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Importance of your comments

- Taro is a "new" type of commodity to be assessed.
 - Relatively few Pests but novel issues to accommodate
- Steward and Standard Committee appreciate
 feedback, proposed modified text and other comments

to improve Commodity Standard annexes





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Thank you

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