MEETING of the CPM FOCUS GROUP ON SEA CONTAINERS

09-10 October

Danish Shipping Headquarters

Copenhagen, Denmark

**Schedule**

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| **Start** | 09 October at 09:00 a.m. |
| **Thursday – Friday** | 09:00-12:00 p.m. and 13:30-17:00 p.m. |
| **Tea breaks:** | 10:30 a.m. and 15.00 p.m. |
| **Lunch** | 12:00-13:30 p.m. |

Provisional Agenda

*(*Last update: *2025-10-08)*

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| **N** | **Agenda item** | **Document number / link** | **Presenter / (IPPC Secretariat support)** |
|  | **Opening of the Meeting** |
|  | Welcome by the Focus Group Co-Chairs | – | **Chairperson** |
|  | **Meeting Arrangements** |
|  | Selection of the Rapporteur | – | **Chairperson** |
|  | Adoption of the Agenda | 01\_FGSC\_2025\_Oct | **Chairperson** |
|  | **Administrative Matters** |
|  | Documents list  | 02\_FGSC\_2025\_Oct | **Secretariat** |
|  | Membership list | [Link to membership list](https://www.ippc.int/en/publications/91439/) | **Secretariat** |
|  | **Update and initial outcomes from October Symposium** |
|  | Key outcomes from the Sea Container Symposium held in Copenhagen, October 2025 | [Link to programme](https://www.ippc.int/en/publications/94742/) | **Chairperson / Symposium attendees** |
|  | **Items 1-4 of the ToR** |
|  | 1. *Subject to the availability of suitable data assess the effectiveness and efficiency of the CPM Recommendation on Sea containers (R-06) in reducing pest risks associated with the sea container pathway (e.g., raising awareness, visual examination, methods to remove contamination, design aspects).*

Objective: Need data pre- and post-R-06. Noting the caveat of data availability, have open discussion on how best to explain why this task may not be fully achievable.  |  |  |
|  | 1. *Invite NPPOs and other stakeholders to advise the Focus Group of outcomes related to ongoing trials, technology developments related to the sea container pathway, and the results of quantitative studies to quantify pest risk and the impact of the CPM recommendation on sea containers.*

Objective: Inventory of what we know currently, and any additional input received by IPPC Secretariat and SCFG members from NPPOs, industry and others. | EU sea container survey 2024 | **Gu** (Modified container trials update)**Downes** (Container design working group update) |
|  | 1. *Continue to analyse potential regulatory and non-regulatory options in order to identify and describe a recommended option or options to minimize pest risks in the sea container pathway.*

Objective: RNR WG will provide a progress report of analyses undertaken and a summary of results of measures evaluations. This topic will include a presentation on Custodial Responsibility plan.  | 07\_FGSC\_2025\_Oct08\_FGSC\_2025\_Oct09\_FGSC\_2025\_Oct10\_FGSC\_2025\_Oct |  |
|  | 1. *Consider the costs and benefits for pest risk management and the practicalities and possible impacts of the identified options on container logistics, supply chains and NPPOs as well as the required systems and tools.*

Objective: Discussion on item 3 will include elements of item 4.  |  |  |
|  | **Item 5 on Regulatory and Non-Regulatory Solutions** |
|  | 1. *Analyse the information gathered in points 1-4 (above). Provide recommendations to CPM that are consistent with the pest risk on preferred options for regulatory and/or non-regulatory actions including additional guidance and whether development of an ISPM is feasible and desirable, and draft specifications for such actions as necessary.*

Objective: Discussion based on RNR group presentation on analysis and should focus on adequacy of measures, confirming measures in context of a framework, determining what else is needed to further elaborate them and how to include the timeframes for the measures into proposals for CPM, recognizing that some are longer term and there is no immediate solution.  |  |  |
|  | **Framework of Measures** |
|  | Discuss what goes into it and what else is needed. Consider implications of presenting as framework (assurances that the measures are effective, practical, feasible, etc) to CPM. Also consider how to ensure any measures are being implemented. |  |  |
|  | **Draft RSPM on sea containers** |  |  |
|  | Further discuss the PPPO/APPPC activities related to sea containers, and how this can be considered in the work of the Focus Group. | 03\_FGSC\_2025\_Oct | ***Waghorn******Karri*** |
|  | **Consideration of ISPM as a longer-term solution – initial position** |
|  | Next steps towards a discussion on an ISPM as a potential longer-term solution. |  | **Chairperson / All** |
|  | **Communication approaches** |
|  | Consider communication approaches  | 04\_FGSC\_2025\_Oct05\_FGSC\_2025\_Oct06\_FGSC\_2025\_Oct | **Chairperson / All** |
|  | **CPM 20 Side Session** |
|  | Discuss what topics, who delivers, Use Concept Note to Bureau as a guide. How to make this session more interactive to benefit participants and SCFG. | 11\_FGSC\_2025\_Oct | **Chairperson / All** |
|  | **Develop outline for 2026 Workshop**  |
|  | Discuss the outline and desired outcomes for the proposed 2026 Workshop with consideration of location, timing and funding.  | [Link to 2023 Work Shop Programme](https://www.ippc.int/en/publications/92277/) | **Chairperson / All** |
|  | **Revision, stock take and update of Action Plan** |
|  | Revision of the Focus Group Action Plan  | 12\_FGSC\_2025\_Oct | **Chairperson / All** |
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 | **Any Other Business**  |
|  | **Date of the Next Meeting** | **Chairperson / All** |
|  | **Close of the meeting** | **Chairperson** |