



Enabling the use of third-party entities

COMMISSION ON PHYTOSANITARY MEASURES

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UPDATE ON DAI ENABLING THE USE OF THIRD-PARTY ENTITIES

AGENDA ITEM 13.4

(Prepared by the Secretariat)

1. Introduction

[1] The main activities under the IPPC's Strategic Framework 2020-2030 Development Agenda Item (DAI) 4 on "Developing Guidance on the Use of Third-Party Entities" are the development of two IPPC guides: *Authorization of entities to perform phytosanitary actions* (2018-040) and *Audit in the phytosanitary context* (2021-009). Specifications for both guides have previously been approved and are available on the [International Phytosanitary Portal](https://www.ippc.int/en/development/guides-and-training-materials/development-guides-and-training-materials/approved-specifications-icd/).¹

[2] The IPPC Secretariat thanks Australia and Canada for their funding contributions to the multi-donor trust fund to support this DAI for the development of the two guides.

2. Development of the guides

[3] The Implementation and Capacity Development Committee (IC) agreed that the guide on *Audit in the phytosanitary context* should be developed first. The IC also agreed that once an initial draft of this guide was available, then the work on the guide on *Authorization of entities to perform phytosanitary actions* should be initiated.

[4] On 14 November 2025, the secretariat launched a call for experts to be part of the working group to develop this guide.² The call also requested submission of existing technical materials such as policy papers, white papers, case studies and other relevant resources to support the working group to develop the guide. The first virtual meeting for the work group is tentatively scheduled for early March 2026.

[5] A second call for experts for a working group to develop the guide on *Authorization of entities to perform phytosanitary actions* will be launched mid- to late-2026.

Recommendations

The CPM is invited to:

- (1) thank Australia and Canada for the provision of funds for the development of the guides *Authorization of entities to perform phytosanitary actions* (2018-040) and *Audit in the phytosanitary context* (2021-009);
- (2) note that work on the DAI "Developing Guidance on the Use of Third-Party Entities" has been initiated; and

¹ Specifications for the guides: <https://www.ippc.int/en/development/guides-and-training-materials/development-guides-and-training-materials/approved-specifications-icd/>

² Call for experts and contributed resources: <https://www.ippc.int/en/calls/call-for-experts-and-contributed-resources-to-develop-ippc-guide-on-audit-in-the-phytosanitary-context-2021-009/>

(3) *promote* the call for experts for the second guide on *Authorization of entities to perform phytosanitary actions* when it is launched in 2026.

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