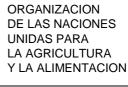




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Dear Sir/Madam,

On behalf of the Chairman of the Interim Commission for Phytosanitary Measures, I would like to remind you of the following points in relation to the adoption of draft International Standards for Phytosanitary Measures (agenda item 7.3; document ICPM 2005/2).

According to the decision at the 6th Session of the ICPM (April 2004) in relation to the improvements of standard-setting procedures (Appendix IX, point 3 of the report), countries are invited to take the following points into account:

- Members should endeavour to provide only substantive comments at meetings of the ICPM. a)
- b) Members should endeavour to provide comments in writing to the Secretariat at least 14 days before the ICPM. The Secretariat will provide a copy of all comments received, in original form at the start of the ICPM.
- c) Members should indicate comments that are strictly editorial (do not change the substance) and could be incorporated by the Secretariat as considered appropriate and necessary.
- d) The electronic format/matrix for country comments should preferably be used for submitting comments and can be found on the IPP (https://www.ippc.int) or be requested to the IPPC Secretariat).

I thank you in advance for your collaboration.

Yours sincerely,

N. A. van der Graaff Secretary International Plant Protection Convention