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Adjustments to the List of topics for IPPC standards

Agenda item 9.4.1

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## I. Background

1. The CPM adopted *List of topics for IPPC standards*<sup>1</sup> can be viewed on the International Phytosanitary Portal (IPP).
2. This document summarizes proposed adjustments.

## II. Standards Committee modifications to the List of topics

3. The Standards Committee modifies the *List of topics for IPPC standards* by adding, deleting or modifying the following subjects: terms for consideration by the Technical Panel on the Glossary, diagnostic protocols for consideration by the Technical Panel on Diagnostic Protocols and phytosanitary treatments for consideration by the Technical Panel on Phytosanitary Treatments.
4. Modifications to subjects and their priorities have been delegated to the SC. For transparency, the following modifications are presented to the CPM. They have been incorporated into the *List of topics for IPPC standards*.

### A. SC May 2013 meeting<sup>2</sup>:

- added the following terms: *authorize*, *accredit*, *certify* (as one subject) (2013-004), *bark* (2013-005), *kiln-drying* (2013-006), *mark* (2013-007), *phytosanitary security of a consignment* (2013-008), *trading partner* (2013-009), *visual examination* (2013-010), *wood*

<sup>1</sup> *List of topics for IPPC standards*: <https://www.ippc.int/core-activities/standards-setting/list-topics-ippc-standards>

<sup>2</sup> SC May 2013 meeting report: <https://www.ippc.int/core-activities/standards-setting/standards-committee>

(2013-011), *commodity pest list* (2013-013), *area of low pest prevalence* (2013-014), *survey* (2013-015) and *pre-clearance* (2013-016) with a pending status.

- removed the following terms: *pest freedom* (2010-003), *presence* (2010-005), *pest* (2010-022), *re-exported consignment* (2010-024), *consignment in transit* (2010-039), and *endangered area* (2012-002).
- added the following diagnostic protocols and assigned priorities and a IPPC Strategic Framework's Strategic Objectives: *Liberibacter solanacearum* (2013-001) (bacteria) with priority 1 and IPPC Strategic Objectives B and C; *Conotrachelus nenuphar* (2013-002) (insect) with priority 2 and IPPC Strategic Objectives B and C, *Anguina* spp. (2013-003) (nematode) with priority 3 and IPPC Strategic Objectives A, B and C.
- removed the following phytosanitary treatments: Methyl isothiocyanate and Sulfuryl fluoride (Ecotwin mixture) fumigation for *Bursaphelenchus xylophilus*, *Coleoptera: Cerambycidae* and *Coleoptera: Scolytinae* of wood packaging material (2007-102), *Hydrogen cyanide (HCN) treatment of wood packaging material* (2007-103), Generic irradiation treatment for all insects (*Arthropoda: Insecta*) except lepidopteran pupae and adults (*Insecta: Lepidoptera*) in any host commodity (2007-105).
- added the following phytosanitary treatment and assigned it a priority and a IPPC Strategic Framework's Strategic Objective(s): Irradiation for *Ostrinia nubilalis* (2012-009) with priority 1 and IPPC Strategic Objectives A and C.

#### **B. SC via e-decision:**

- added the following phytosanitary and assigned priority: Irradiation for *Dysmicoccus neobrevipes* Beardsley, *Planococcus lilacinus* (Cockerell) and *Planococcus minor* (Maskell) (*Hemiptera: Pseudococcidae*) (2012-011) with priority 1 and IPPC Strategic Objectives A and C.

#### **C. SC November 2013 meeting:**

- added the following two terms: *grain* (2013-018) and *effective dose* (2013-017).

#### **D. 2013 call for topics**

5. The IPPC Secretariat opened a biennial call for topics from 20 May to 31 August 2013. Contracting parties, national plant protection organizations (NPPOs), regional plant protection organizations (RPPOs), relevant international organizations and technical panels were invited to submit detailed proposals for new topics or for the revision of existing International Standards on Phytosanitary Measures (ISPMs) to the IPPC Secretariat.

6. The Secretariat received a total of 34 submissions. The compiled submissions are available on IPP<sup>3</sup>.

#### **E. SC November 2013 meeting**

7. The SC reviewed the existing list of topics and the 34 submissions, taking into account the IPPC Strategic Framework and the *Criteria for justification and prioritization of proposed topics*. Full details of the discussions are in the report<sup>4</sup> of the meeting.

Based on the above, the SC invites the CPM to:

8. Add the following topics to the List of topics for IPPC Standards with the indicated priorities and IPPC Strategic Objectives:

<sup>3</sup> Compiled submissions: <https://www.ippc.int/core-activities/calls-topics>

<sup>4</sup> SC November 2013 meeting report: <https://www.ippc.int/core-activities/standards-setting/standards-committee>

- *Criteria for the determination of host status for pests based on available information*, with priority 1 and IPPC Strategic Objectives B and C
  - *Guidance on pest risk management*, with priority 1 and IPPC Strategic Objectives A and C
  - *Authorization of non-NPPO entities to perform phytosanitary actions*, with priority 3 and IPPC Strategic Objective C
  - *Guidelines for the use of chemical treatments as a phytosanitary measure*, with priority 3 and IPPC Strategic Objectives A, B and C
  - *Guidelines for the use of fumigation as a phytosanitary measure*, with priority 1 and IPPC Strategic Objectives A, B and C
  - *Guidelines for the use of temperature treatments as a phytosanitary measure*, with priority 1 and IPPC Strategic Objectives A, B and C
  - *Guidelines for the use of modified atmosphere treatments as a phytosanitary measure*, with priority 2 and IPPC Strategic Objectives A, B and C
  - *Guidelines for the use of irradiation as a phytosanitary measure* (Revision to ISPM 18:2003), with priority 2 and IPPC Strategic Objectives A, B and C
  - *Harmonization of descriptive elements in phytosanitary certificates* (Appendix to ISPM 12: Phytosanitary certificates), with priority 4 and IPPC Strategic Objectives C and D.
9. Delete the following topics from the List of topics for IPPC standards:
- *Surveillance for citrus canker (*Xanthomonas axonopodis* pv. *citri*)* (2002-001) and *Systems approach for management of citrus canker (*Xanthomonas axonopodis* pv. *citri*)* (2003-001), as these topics have been on hold since 2006 because of lack of consensus on technical issues.
  - *Fruit fly treatments* (2006-024), *Irradiation treatments* (2006-014), *Soil and growing media in association with plants: treatments* (2009-006) and *Wood packaging material treatments* (2006-015), because limiting the work on phytosanitary treatments to the existing four topics was too specific and very narrow in scope compared to the wide range of pests limiting trade, the diverse commodities exported and imported, and the variety of treatment methods that could be considered. This could be the reason for the low number of treatments submitted to the Secretariat in response to calls. By removing this limit, NPPOs and RPPOs would be able to submit any type of approved phytosanitary treatment in response to a call.
  - *Safe handling and disposal of waste with potential pest risk generated during international voyages* (2008-004), because only two nominations were received in the September 2013 call for experts on this topic meaning there were too few to form an expert working group.
10. Change the priority of the following topic:
- *Revision of ISPM 8: Determination of pest status in an area* (2009-005) from priority 3 to priority 1 because this would better reflect the priorities expressed in the IRSS draft general survey report and because this standard is essential for countries to implement the IPPC.

### III. Recommendations

11. The CPM is invited to:
- 1) *adopt* the addition of the following topics, with the indicated priorities and IPPC Strategic Objectives:
    - *Criteria for the determination of host status for pests based on available information*, with priority 1 and IPPC Strategic Objectives B and C
    - *Guidance on pest risk management*, with priority 1 and IPPC Strategic Objectives A and C

- *Authorization of non-NPPO entities to perform phytosanitary actions*, with priority 3 and IPPC Strategic Objective C
  - *Guidelines for the use of chemical treatments as a phytosanitary measure*, with priority 3 and IPPC Strategic Objectives A, B and C
  - *Guidelines for the use of fumigation as a phytosanitary measure*, with priority 1 and IPPC Strategic Objectives A, B and C
  - *Guidelines for the use of temperature treatments as a phytosanitary measure*, with priority 1 and IPPC Strategic Objectives A, B and C
  - *Guidelines for the use of modified atmosphere treatments as a phytosanitary measure*, with priority 2 and IPPC Strategic Objectives A, B and C
  - *Guidelines for the use of irradiation as a phytosanitary measure (Revision to ISPM 18)*, with priority 2 and IPPC Strategic Objectives A, B and C
  - *Harmonization of descriptive elements in phytosanitary certificates (Appendix to ISPM 12)*, with priority 4 and IPPC Strategic Objectives C and D.
- 2) *adopt* the deletion of the following topics:
- *Surveillance for citrus canker (Xanthomonas axonopodis pv. citri) (2002-001)*
  - *Systems approach for management of citrus canker (Xanthomonas axonopodis pv. citri) (2003-001)*
  - *Safe handling and disposal of waste with potential pest risk generated during international voyages (2008-004)*
  - *The following topics under the Technical Panel for Phytosanitary Treatments:*
    - *Irradiation treatments (2006-014)*
    - *Wood packaging material treatments (2006-015)*
    - *Fruit fly treatments (2006-024)*
    - *Soil and growing media in association with plants: treatments (2009-006)*
- 3) *adopt* the new priority of 1 for the following topic: *Revision of ISPM 8: Determination of pest status in an area (2009-005)*.
- 4) *request* the Secretariat to update the CPM adopted *List of topics for IPPC standards* accordingly, and post the updated version on the IPP.