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**Proposal from COSAVE countries on Agenda item 9.4.1**

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COSAVE countries have revised the SC proposal regarding the list of topics for IPPC standards resulting from the 2013 call of topics and agree to add the following topics to the list:

- *Guidance on pest risk management*, with priority 1 and IPPC Strategic Objectives A and C

We agree to add this topic to the list as an Annex of ISPM 11.

- *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

We agree that these topics are added to the list with the understanding that their scope should be limited to provide technical guidance on the specific procedures for the application of the different types as phytosanitary treatments (similar to ISPM 18 scope).

COSAVE countries have revised the draft specifications provided during the 2013 call of topics and suggest to revise the tasks proposed in order to avoid duplication with ISPM 28 to not include tasks as evaluation, adoption, efficacy and development of annexes with adopted phytosanitary treatments, because these treatments are annexes to ISPM 28.

COSAVE countries would need clarification of the proposal to include the following topic to the list:

- *Harmonization of descriptive elements in phytosanitary certificates* (Appendix to ISPM 12: Phytosanitary certificates), with priority 4 and IPPC Strategic Objectives C and D.

This proposal is not clear in relation to the draft specification submitted by EPPO during the 2013 call for topics. The draft specification refers to harmonization of commodity classes which would be apparently related to ISPM 32, while the proposal refers to descriptive elements in phytosanitary certificates, which is not clear. In addition it seems like the same should be done as a basis for an e-phyto system, issue under consideration of the e-phyto steering committee.

COSAVE countries do not agree to add the following topics to the list:

- *Criteria for the determination of host status for pests based on available information*, with priority 1 and IPPC Strategic Objectives B and C

We do not agree to develop an ISPM to provide guidance for applying criteria for interpreting information regarding organism-host interactions when determining host status in general for all pests and hosts, given the difficulty of subsequent application on a case by case basis. The determination or identification of host-organism interactions in general, does not lead to identify host status for a particular pest. We agree that criteria for judging information regarding pest reports is advisable, but this could be part of the revision of ISPM 8 in relation to pest reports.

- *Authorization of non-NPPO entities to perform phytosanitary actions*, with priority 3 and IPPC Strategic Objective C

In 2011 November SC Meeting, the SC considered that the topic “*Systems for authorizing phytosanitary activities*” although relevant for the reliability of phytosanitary certification, would be difficult to harmonize due to major divergence of views and approaches of NPPOs/contracting parties and recommended to delete from the list of topics, which was agreed by CPM – 7 (2012). In our understanding the topic “*Authorization of non-NPPO entities to perform phytosanitary actions*” is similar to the one presented to CPM -7 (2012) and for the same reasons should not be included in the list because involves NPPO internal procedures.

COSAVE countries agree to delete from the list all the topics proposed:

- *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).
- *Topics under the Technical Panel for Phytosanitary Treatments (Fruit fly treatments; Irradiation treatments, Soil and growing media in association with plants treatments and Wood packaging material treatments)*

Regarding topics under the Technical Panel for Phytosanitary Treatments (*Fruit fly treatments; Irradiation treatments, Soil and growing media in association with plants treatments and Wood packaging material treatments*), it should be clarified how subjects will be prioritized for the TPPT work. Moreover it should be clarified how the relation would be between the deletion of topics and the inclusion of subjects to the TPPT work plan.

Based on comments above COSAVE countries are proposing to amend the recommendations as follows:

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, (Annex to ISPM 11)* 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.