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DRAFT ANNEX TO ISPM 46: Movement of fresh *Musa* spp. fruit in international trade (2023-028)

IPPC First Consultation

1 July to 30 September 2026



Background

2023 Call for Topics

- International movement of fresh banana (*Musa paradisiaca*) fruit



SC Nov (2023)

Recommended to add the topic “International movement of fresh banana (*Musa paradisiaca*) fruit (2023-028)” with priority 1



2024-12

Technical Panel on Commodity Standards (TPCS) started drafting the standard



CPM-18 (2024)

CPM-18 added topic Annex “International movement of fresh banana (*Musa paradisiaca*) fruit (2023-028) to ISPM 46 (Commodity-specific standards for phytosanitary measures) to the work programme, priority 1



SC (2025)

- TPCS recommended and the SC agreed to change the title to encompass all *Musa* species;
- SC approved for consultation



First consultation

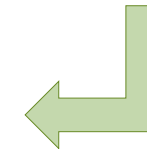
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Second consultation

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634 comments received





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Scope, description of the commodity and assumptions

- ❖ This commodity standard provides guidance on pests associated with the fresh fruit of all species of *Musa* and options for phytosanitary measures to manage the pest risk.
- ❖ It applies to hands or parts of hands of fresh fruit for consumption or processing.
- ❖ The pests included in Table 1 are regulated in international trade by at least one contracting party. The list of pests is not exhaustive, nor country specific.
- ❖ Inclusion of a pest in Table 1 does not constitute technical justification for its regulation by importing countries using the standard.
- ❖ Some pests may not require specific measures beyond common standard post-harvest commercial processes or being moved while the fruits are green.





Issues from first consultation

- ❖ Although many comments supported the draft development, four comments considered the draft unnecessary:
“The standard may be used to justify revisions of PRAs and ultimately lead to the imposition of more restrictive measures than those currently applied in international trade.”
- ❖ Many CPs complained about the pest list but were unable to provide technical justification to prove that the fruit is not a pathway;
- ❖ Some countries revised their submitted materials and requested the exclusion of pests. Pests originally submitted by exporting countries were excluded due to a lack of scientific evidence.
- ❖ Some CPs requested pests inclusions but did not provide associated phytosanitary measures.
- ❖ One CP requested bunches to be considered, but this would imply a new pest list, which was not submitted in the initial material.



General Considerations

- ❖ SC decided it is not the role of the TPCS to challenge a PRA.
- ❖ The number of information materials submitted is limited, which can result in an underrepresentation of pests and measures.
- ❖ The purpose of a commodity standard is to facilitate safe trade. A more comprehensive list of pests and measures is preferable, so that the importing country can assess which ones meet its ALOP.
- ❖ If a pest is regulated by at least one CP, it should be included in Table 1, provided that the relevant measure to manage the pest risk has been submitted.
- ❖ Pests clearly not associated with the fruit were disregarded (lack of scientific evidence).
- ❖ Scientific names are based on the submissions received. Where more than one name was submitted, the more recent was used.
- ❖ In Table 3, the phytosanitary measures appear after the pests to which they are applied in international trade, as submitted by the CP.
- ❖ Systems approaches in Table 7 were numbered in ascending order as they appear in Table 3.



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Thank you

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