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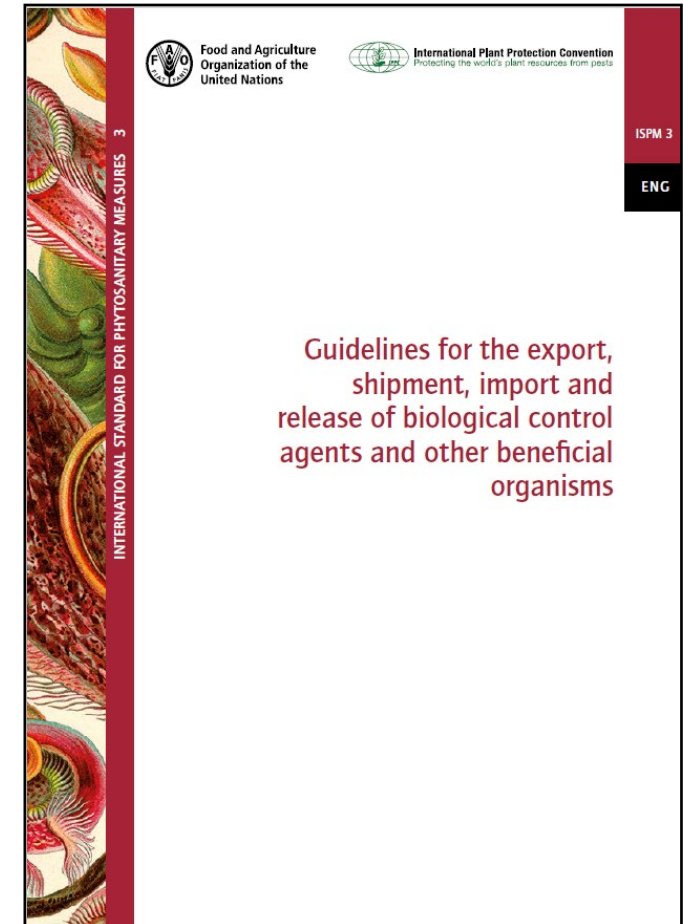
*Revision of ISPM 3 Guidelines for the export, shipment,
import and release of biological control agents and
other beneficial organisms*

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Background

- In **2025** the topic Revision of ISPM 3 (**Guidelines for the export, shipment, import and release of biological control agents and other beneficial organisms**)
- **CPM-20 (2026)** added topic Revision of ISPM 3 (Guidelines for the export, shipment, import and release of biological control agents and other beneficial organisms) (2025-010), **priority 1**
- Standards Committee (SC) in **May 2026** revised and approved for **consultation**.





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Reason for the Revision

- ISPM 3 adopted **1995**, revised **2005**
- **Outdated** vs current practices and regulations
- **Inconsistent application** across countries
- Need for **clearer guidance on the export, import and release of BCAs and invertebrates**, including harmonized certification approaches and the identification of the competences of responsible authorities



Exocomus quadripustulatus – Gilles San Martin ([Wikimedia](#))



Scope

- Outline **the process of analysing, documenting and managing pest risk, environmental risk and risk to biodiversity from non-indigenous BCAs**, other beneficial organisms and sterile insects
- Includes **organisms for research purposes** or for rearing under confined conditions
- Focus on **plant health purposes**



Micromus angulatus ([Wikimedia](#))



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Purpose

- Provide **clear updated guidance** on the import, export and release of BCAs, other beneficial organisms and sterile insects
- Reflect **best practices**
- Support **safe trade and use**
- Enhance **harmonization among NPPOs**



EPPO

https://www.eppo.int/MEETINGS/2011_meetings/wk_bi_ocontrol_agents



Tasks (EWG) 1/2

- Develop **harmonized terminology**
- Review **existing guidance and global best practices**
- Set out the **requirements for the import of BCAs**, other beneficial organisms and sterile insects, including requirements for information, risk analysis, decision-making and communication
- Describe **documentation requirements for import**, including key information on establishment, host specificity, spread, impacts, benefits, and uncertainties.
- Describe **NPPOs and other authorities responsibilities** in analysing, documenting, and managing risk under the revised process



Trissolcus basalis ([Wikimedia](#))



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Tasks (EWG) 2/2

- Identify **key elements of environmental risk assessment and assess the applicability of ISPM 11** and the quarantine pest concept to BCAs, other beneficial organisms, and sterile insects, including the need for additional assessment for intentional imports
- **Review and clarify the export and import process**, including phytosanitary certification approaches
- Consider **whether *Apis* species** should be considered as pollinators in this standard



Tetrastichus planipennisi

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Expertise and Participants

Expertise:

Multidisciplinary expertise in regulation of BCAs, beneficial organisms, and sterile insects, including environmental risk assessment, PRA, import/export procedures, and release

Participants:

5–7 experts, with participation of an IC representative or invited expert



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Thank you

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