

**REPORT OF THE INTERNATIONAL PLANT PROTECTION
CONVENTION SECRETARIAT (IPPC)**

Meeting of 17-18 March 2010

The following communication, received on 4 March 2010, is being circulated at the request of the IPPC.

I. INTRODUCTION

1. The report covers the period November 2009 to February 2010. Annexed is the list of approved International Standards for Phytosanitary Measures (ISPMs) current up to March 2010.

2. The Committee is invited to note that the Fifth Session of the Commission on Phytosanitary Measures (CPM-5) will be held in Rome from 22-26 March 2010. The following standards are being proposed for adoption:

- A new ISPM on Pest free potato (*Solanum spp.*) micropropagative material and minitubers for international trade;
- An appendix to ISPM No. 26 (Establishment of pest free areas for fruit flies (Tephritidae) on Fruit fly trapping;
- A new ISPM on Design and operation of post-entry quarantine stations for plants;
- Annexes to ISPM No. 28 (*Phytosanitary treatments for regulated pests*)
 - Irradiation treatment for *Conotrachelus nenuphar*
 - Irradiation treatment for *Cylas formicarius elegantulus*
 - Irradiation treatment for *Euscepes postfasciatus*
 - Irradiation treatment for *Grapholita molesta*
 - Irradiation treatment for *Grapholita molesta* under hypoxia
- An amendment to ISPM No. 5 (Glossary of phytosanitary terms).

II. STANDARD-SETTING WORK PROGRAMME (UPDATE: FEBRUARY 2010)

A. STANDARDS COMMITTEE (SC)

3. The SC met in November 2009 at FAO Headquarters in Rome, Italy. It reviewed four draft ISPMs and recommended them to the CPM for adoption under the regular process. The SC also reviewed recommendations made by the Technical Panel for the Glossary (TPG) to correct inconsistencies in a number of adopted ISPMs. In addition, the SC approved two specifications for member consultation and requested the secretariat to call for new submissions of cold treatments. The

SC also proposed some adjustments to the work programme to the CPM, including the addition of four new topics.

B. CALL FOR EXPERTS

4. In December 2009, the IPPC secretariat made a call for nomination of experts to take part in the work of an Expert Working Group (EWG) to develop a draft ISPM for Specification 48 (International movement of used vehicles, machinery and equipment) and an EWG to develop a draft ISPM for Specification 43 (Movement of soil and growing media in association with plants in international trade).

C. MEMBER CONSULTATION FOR DRAFT SPECIFICATIONS

5. In December 2009, the secretariat made available on the International Phytosanitary Protocol (IPP), for a 60 day member consultation, four draft specifications that had been approved by the SC. National Plant Protection Organizations (NPPOs), Regional Plant Protection Organizations (RPPOs) and relevant international organizations were invited to submit their comments to the secretariat.

D. CALLS FOR PHYTOSANITARY TREATMENTS

6. At the November 2009 SC meeting it was noted that there was a need for additional cold treatments for pests of *Citrus spp.* In December 2009, the secretariat made a call for submissions of additional cold treatments for the control of the fruit flies *Ceratitis capitata* and *Bactrocera tryoni* on *Citrus spp.*

III. INFORMATION EXCHANGE

A. CONTACT POINTS

7. In 2009 81 per cent of IPPC contact points have updated their information at least once. This contributes substantially to improving communication between the secretariat and contracting parties.

B. UNOFFICIAL CONTACT POINTS

8. The following contracting parties have unofficial contact points and still need to make formal nominations for official IPPC contact points:

- Africa: Botswana, Seychelles;
- Asia: Democratic People's Republic of Korea, Myanmar;
- Europe: Greece, Italy;
- Latin America and the Caribbean: Bahamas, Saint Kitts and Nevis;
- Near East: Bahrain, Kuwait, United Arab Emirates;
- Southwest Pacific: Fiji, Solomon Islands, Tuvalu, Vanuatu.

C. INTERNATIONAL PHYTOSANITARY PORTAL (IPP)

9. At the beginning of December 2009, a new revamped and updated version of the IPPC website (<https://www.ippc.int>) was released. The changes and updates were based on considerable feedback from all groups of users of the IPP. The new website looks very fresh, different and has a number of improvements to make it user friendly and relevant. Updating of reported information stills remains a concern. Contracting parties are urged to update the IPP.

D. PEST REPORTING

10. National pest reporting continues to improve, with increased reports and numbers of countries reporting. However, there is still considerable room for improvement in reporting.

11. In 2009, it was agreed that countries can choose to undertake pest reporting through their RPPO. The form for countries to provide authority to RPPOs to undertake pest reporting on their behalf as requested is available on the IPP: [https://www.ippc.int/index.php?id=13363&tx_publication_pi1\[showUid\]=215756](https://www.ippc.int/index.php?id=13363&tx_publication_pi1[showUid]=215756)

IV. CAPACITY BUILDING

A. STRATEGY AND OPERATIONAL PLAN

12. The IPPC convened an Open-ended Working Group (OEWG) on Phytosanitary Capacity Building in Rome in December 2009 to finalise a strategy and operational plan. The phytosanitary capacity building strategy and the operational plan will be presented to CPM-5 for approval. The strategic framework document is available on the IPP.

B. PROJECTS (PHYTOSANITARY CAPACITY DEVELOPMENT)

13. The main aim of the projects that the IPPC is involved in concerns the proper implementation of the IPPC standards and the Convention. The secretariat continued its collaboration with donor agencies and contracting parties in the delivery of technical assistance for capacity building in projects funded through various sources. The secretariat, under a supervisory or implementation agreement signed between the Standards and Trade Development Facility (STDF) and FAO, provided its services to the three STDF projects listed. A total of eight projects are being supported and are outlined below.

- UNJP/URT/129/MUL - Bio security capacity building: this project is funded under the *One UN* basket funding to address national priorities. The secretariat assisted the government of the United Republic of Tanzania in identifying as well as addressing priorities in the context of national biosecurity.
- STDF 171- Establishment of a Centre of Phytosanitary Excellence (COPE) in East Africa
- STDF 230- Establishment of Lethal yellowing Disease- free areas for coconuts in Mozambique
- STDF 133- Capacity building in the use of the Phytosanitary Capacity Evaluation Tool in the Pacific: This project has concluded its planned activities and a final report is being prepared.
- TCP/MOZ/3205: Management and mitigation measures for alien invasive fruit fly (*Bactrocera invadens*) in Mozambique
- TCP/INS/3203: Strengthening Quarantine Control Systems for Invasive Alien Species (IAS)
- TCP/ERI/3204: Strengthening capacity for integrated pest management (IPM) in Eritrea Citrus pilot IPM programme: Under this project the IPPC provided training on information exchange and pest risk analysis. Further intervention will focus on improving surveillance capacity and pest diagnostic capabilities of NPPO and

associated officials. This project is lead by the FAO sub-regional office for Southern Africa.

- TCP/MDV/3201: Maldives - Assistance in the Drafting of Agricultural Legislation: The IPPC was asked to support this project by providing technical advisory services in strengthening national phytosanitary capacities. The PCE was performed by the NPPO and a technical assessment of the capacities of the lead institutions involved in plant protection was conducted. Further work will involve strengthening the import verification processes of the country. This project is lead by the Development Law Service (LEGN) of FAO.

C. PROJECT FORMULATION

14. The IPPC secretariat, under its mandate to improve phytosanitary capacity of members, met with a number of donors and assisted in the formulation of a number of projects. The most advanced of these is a regional project valued at approximately \$2 million for dealing with the fruit fly – *Bactrocera invadens* in East Africa. This project proposal has been submitted to the Common Fund for Commodities (CFC). Four other project proposals have been prepared and are awaiting submission to donors. These include:

- (a) Regional project for West Africa on *Bactrocera invadens* valued at USD 9M will be submitted to donors by FAO in 2010;
- (b) Project to strengthen phytosanitary services in Mozambique already prepared and will be submitted to the NPPO and FAO for approval in 2010;
- (c) Project for strengthening phytosanitary services in Libya, written but placed on hold; and
- (d) Five multi-year trust fund projects submitted for proposal to donors by FAO.

15. In addition, contracting parties submit project formulation requests to the secretariat from time to time. One such request for strengthening phytosanitary services was received from the Government of Oman in 2009. A project formulation mission, financed by the Sultanate of Oman, is expected to be fielded in 2010.

D. NATIONAL CAPACITY BUILDING WORKSHOPS ON INFORMATION EXCHANGE

16. The secretariat (when possible in association with the FAO regional and sub-regional officers) in 2009 undertook information exchange capacity building missions in Central African Republic, Eritrea, Ethiopia, Gabon, Guyana, Malaysia, Maldives, Mozambique, Namibia, Oman and Uganda. A direct result of these information exchange capacity building workshops is an increase in the amount of information available through the IPP.

V. KEY ACTIVITIES PROPOSED FOR 2010

1. Standard-Setting Work Programme

A. STANDARDS COMMITTEE (SC)

17. The SC will meet in April 2010 and again in November 2010. At the April meeting, five draft standards will be reviewed for member consultation:

- *Pest risk analysis to determine whether plants proposed for import are quarantine pests;*

- *Integrated measures approach for managing pest risks associated with international trade of plants for planting;*
- *Submission of new treatments for inclusion in ISPM No. 15;*
- *Management of phytosanitary risks in the international movement of wood;*
- *Not widely distributed: Supplement 1 to ISPM 5 (Glossary of phytosanitary terms).*

18. In addition, member comments on four draft specifications will be reviewed. Five draft specifications will be reviewed for member consultation in 2010.

19. The working group of the Standards Committee (SC-7) will meet in May 2010 to consider member comments on the revision of ISPM No. 7 (*Export certification system*) and the revision of ISPM No. 12 (*Guidelines for phytosanitary certificates*).

B. MEMBER CONSULTATION ON DRAFT ISPMs

20. The next member consultation period for the review of draft ISPMs under the regular and special processes will take place from 20 June – 30 September 2010. National Plant Protection Organizations (NPPOs), Regional Plant Protection Organizations (RPPOs) and relevant international organizations are invited to participate in the review. See the calendar of events on the IPPC website for more information.

C. MEMBER CONSULTATION ON DRAFT SPECIFICATIONS

21. Member consultation for the review of draft specifications is planned for December 2010. National Plant Protection Organizations (NPPOs), Regional Plant Protection Organizations (RPPOs) and relevant international organizations are invited to participate in the review. See the calendar of events on the IPPC website for more information.

D. TECHNICAL PANELS (TPs) AND EXPERT WORKING GROUPS (EWGs)

22. Five technical panels (Technical panel on glossary, Technical panel on forest quarantine, Technical panel on fruit flies, Technical panel on diagnostic protocols, Technical panel on phytosanitary treatments) will convene from July through October 2010 to continue ongoing work in drafting standards, developing diagnostic protocols, approving phytosanitary treatments, and amending the Glossary of phytosanitary terms. See the calendar of events on the IPPC website for more information.

23. Two expert working groups will convene in 2010 to draft standards on *Importation of plant breeding material* and *Movement of soil and growing media in association with plants in international trade*.

2. Information Exchange

A. INTERNATIONAL PHYTOSANITARY PORTAL (IPP)

24. The IPPC will continue to improve the IPP and will work with contracting parties to ensure the up-dating of reported information. Contracting parties are urged to update the IPP.

B. PEST REPORTING

25. The IPPC will explore with international organizations and RPPOs a common mechanism for official pest reporting.

C. TOOLS

26. The IPPC will be field testing and upgrading the phytosanitary capacity evaluation tool. The tool will be hosted on FAO servers.

3. Capacity Building

A. PROJECTS

27. The secretariat will continue its collaboration with donor agencies and contracting parties in the delivery of technical assistance for capacity building in projects funded through various sources.

B. PROJECT FORMULATION

28. The secretariat is interested in working more closely on the formulation and implementation of projects aimed at improving the phytosanitary status of countries and the capacities to implement the ISPMs and the Convention.

C. REGIONAL WORKSHOPS TO REVIEW DRAFT ISPMs

29. Seven regional workshops for the review of draft ISPMs are planned for the 2010 member consultation period. The workshops will target the Southwest Pacific, Africa, Near-East, Caribbean, Russian-speaking countries (Baltic, Central Asia, Eastern Europe and the Commonwealth of Independent States), Latin America and Asia. The tentative dates and venues for these workshops have been posted on the IPP.

D. NATIONAL CAPACITY BUILDING WORKSHOPS ON INFORMATION EXCHANGE

30. The secretariat (when possible in association with the FAO regional and sub-regional officers) will continue this programme and will target a further ten countries in 2010.

ANNEX

Adopted International Standards for Phytosanitary Measures (ISPMs)

Texts of adopted ISPMs are available at: <https://www.ippc.int/id/13399>

ISPM No. 1 (2006)	<i>Phytosanitary principles for the protection of plants and the application of phytosanitary measures in international trade</i> (originally adopted in 1993, revised in 2006)
ISPM No. 2 (2007)	<i>Framework for pest risk analysis</i> (originally adopted in 1995, revised in 2007)
ISPM No. 3 (2005)	<i>Guidelines for the export, shipment, import and release of biological control agents and other beneficial organisms</i> (originally adopted in 1996, revised in 2005)
ISPM No. 4 (1995)	<i>Requirements for the establishment of pest free areas</i>
ISPM No. 5 (2009)	<i>Glossary of phytosanitary terms</i> (updated as needed) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Supplement No. 1 (2001) <i>Guidelines on the interpretation and application of the concept of official control for regulated pests</i> - Supplement No. 2 (2003) <i>Guidelines on the understanding of potential economic importance and related terms including reference to environmental considerations</i> - Appendix No. 1 (2009): <u><i>Terminology of the Convention on Biological Diversity in relation to the Glossary of phytosanitary terms</i></u>
ISPM No. 6 (1997)	<i>Guidelines for surveillance</i>
ISPM No. 7 (1997)	<i>Export certification system</i>
ISPM No. 8 (1998)	<i>Determination of pest status in an area</i>
ISPM No. 9 (1998)	<i>Guidelines for pest eradication programmes</i>
ISPM No. 10 (1999)	<i>Requirements for the establishment of pest free places of production and pest free production sites)</i>
ISPM No. 11 (2004)	<i>Pest risk analysis for quarantine pests, including analysis of environmental risks and living modified organisms</i> (originally adopted in 2001, revised in 2003 and 2004)
ISPM No. 12 (2001)	<i>Guidelines for phytosanitary certificates</i>
ISPM No. 13 (2001)	<i>Guidelines for the notification of non-compliance and emergency action</i>
ISPM No. 14 (2002)	<i>The use of integrated measures in a systems approach for pest risk management</i>
ISPM No. 15 (2002)	<i>Regulation of wood packaging material in international trade</i> (originally adopted in 2002, revised in 2009) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Annex 1 (2006) <i>Approved measures associated with wood packaging materials</i> (methyl bromide fumigation schedule modified in 2006)
ISPM No. 16 (2002)	<i>Regulated non-quarantine pests: Concept and application</i>
ISPM No. 17 (2002)	<i>Pest reporting</i>
ISPM No. 18 (2003)	<i>Guidelines for the use of irradiation as a phytosanitary measure</i>
ISPM No. 19 (2003)	<i>Guidelines on lists of regulated pests</i>
ISPM No. 20 (2004)	<i>Guidelines for a phytosanitary import regulatory system</i>
ISPM No. 21 (2004)	<i>Pest risk analysis for regulated non-quarantine pests</i>

- ISPM No. 22 (2005) *Requirements for the establishment of areas of low pest prevalence*
- ISPM No. 23 (2005) *Guidelines for inspection*
- ISPM No. 24 (2005) *Guidelines for the determination and recognition of equivalence of phytosanitary measures*
- ISPM No. 25 (2006) *Consignments in transit*
- ISPM No. 26 (2006) *Establishment of pest free areas for fruit flies (Tephritidae)*
- ISPM No. 27 (2006) *Diagnostic protocols for regulated pests*
- ISPM No. 28 (2007) *Phytosanitary treatments for regulated pests*
- Annex 1 (2009) Irradiation treatment for *Anastrepha ludens*
 - Annex 2 (2009) Irradiation treatment for *Anastrepha obliqua*
 - Annex 3 (2009) Irradiation treatment for *Anastrepha serpentina*
 - Annex 4 (2009) Irradiation treatment for *Bactrocera jarvisi*
 - Annex 5 (2009) Irradiation treatment for *Bactrocera tryoni*
 - Annex 6 (2009) Irradiation treatment for *Cydia pomonella*
 - Annex 7 (2009) Irradiation treatment for fruit flies of the family Tephritidae (generic)
 - Annex 8 (2009) Irradiation treatment for *Rhagoletis pomonella*
- ISPM No. 29 (2007) *Recognition of pest free areas and areas of low pest prevalence*
- ISPM No. 30 (2008) *Establishment of areas of low pest prevalence for fruit flies (Tephritidae)*
- ISPM No. 31 (2008) *Methodologies for sampling of consignments*
- ISPM No. 32 (2009) *Categorization of commodities according to their pest risk*
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