

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

Meeting of 29-30 June 2010

The following communication, received on 22 June 2010, is being circulated at the request of the IPPC.

I. INTRODUCTION

1. The report covers the period March to June 2010. Annexed is the list of approved International Standards for Phytosanitary Measures current up to June 2010.
2. The Committee is invited to note that as of 12 May 2010, Mongolia is a new contracting party to the IPPC. The number of contracting parties to the IPPC is now 173.

II. DECISIONS OF THE COMMISSION ON PHYTOSANITARY MEASURES

3. The Committee is invited to note that the Fifth Session of the Commission on Phytosanitary Measures (CPM-5) was held in Rome from 22-26 March 2010.
4. The CPM adopted the following standards:
 - A new ISPM on *Pest free potato (Solanum spp.) micropropagative material and minitubers for international trade*.
 - 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 Grapholita molesta*
 - *Irradiation treatment for Grapholita molesta under hypoxia*.
 - Annex to ISPM No. 27 (*Diagnostic protocols for regulated pests*)
 - *Diagnostic protocol for Thrips palmi Karny*
 - An amendment to ISPM No. 5 (*Glossary of phytosanitary terms*).
5. The CPM adopted the Capacity Development strategy and approved continued work on the operational plan for building national phytosanitary capacity.

III. STANDARD-SETTING WORK PROGRAMME (UPDATE: JUNE 2010)

(a) Standards Committee (SC)

6. The SC met in April 2010 at FAO Headquarters in Rome, Italy and approved, for the member consultation period June 21-30 September 2010, the following five draft ISPMs:

- *Systems approaches for pest risk management of fruit flies (Tephritidae)*
- *Submission of new treatments for inclusion in ISPM No.15*
- *Integrated measures approach for managing pest risks associated with international trade of plants for planting*
- *Irradiation treatment for Ceratitis Capitata (Annex to ISPM 28)*
- *Diagnostic protocol for Plum pox virus (Annex to ISPM 27)*

(b) 2010 Member consultation period for the review of draft ISPMs

7. The draft ISPMs will be reviewed in the following regions:

Region	Date (2010 Tentative)	Venue	Organized by	Other Funding Source
Africa	9-13 August	Zambia	IAPSC	PANSPSO/EU/AU
Asia	6–10 September	Busan City, Republic of Korea	FAO	Republic of Korea
Caribbean	6-10 September	Port of Spain, Trinidad and Tobago	USDA	FAO
CIS countries and Central Asia	19 -23 July	Bykovo, Moscow Region	FAO	EU Trust Fund
Latin America	30 August–3 September	San Jose, Costa Rica	IICA	FAO
Near East	5–8 July	Cairo, Egypt	FAO	EU Trust Fund/FAO
Pacific	9-13 August	Nadi, Fiji	SPC	EU Trust Fund

8. The Committee is invited to note the dates provided in the schedule above and encourage the appropriate persons in their respective countries to ensure that the ISPMs are reviewed and comments submitted to the IPPC secretariat before the deadline of 30 September 2010. For the second year, the Secretariat will administer a survey to workshop attendees to address the association between workshop attendance and participation in the standards development process.

9. The secretariat is developing an online system to streamline the process of commenting on draft ISPMs for members and for the IPPC secretariat. This system is projected to be functional for the 2011 member comment period. Member countries will again assist in compiling comments in 2010.

(c) Call for experts

10. In December 2009, the IPPC secretariat made calls for nomination of experts to take part in Expert working groups (EWGs) to develop a draft ISPM for Specification 48 (International movement of used vehicles, machinery and equipment) and Specification 43 (*Movement of soil and growing*

media in association with plants in international trade). In March 2010, a call for a Chinese speaking expert for the technical panel on glossary was made.

(d) Draft specifications

11. At the April 2010 Standards Committee meeting three draft specifications were approved for member consultation:

- *Minimizing pest movement by air containers and aircrafts;*
- *Systems for authorizing phytosanitary activities; and*
- *Safe handling and disposal of waste with potential pest risk generated during international voyages.*

12. Two specifications were finalized and approved at the April 2010 Standards Committee meeting:

- *Minimizing pest movement by sea containers and conveyances in international trade and*
- *Protocol to determine host status of fruits to fruit fly (*Tephritidae*) infestation.*

(e) Expert working groups

13. An EWG on the Importation of Plant Breeding Material was held in Amsterdam, the Netherlands, 1-5 February 2010.

14. An EWG on Movement of Soil and Growing Media in Association with Plants in International Trade was held in Ottawa, Canada, 14–18 June 2010.

(f) Technical panels

15. Five technical panels will meet in 2010 to continue work in their areas of specialization, drafting ISPMs and diagnostic protocols, approving treatments, and reviewing the glossary of phytosanitary terms.

Panel	Date	Venue
Technical Panel on Forest Quarantine	5-9 July	Izmit, Turkey
Technical Panel on Diagnostic Protocols	26-30 July	Washington, DC
Technical Panel on Phytosanitary Treatments	26-30 July	Kyoto, Japan
Technical Panel on Fruit Flies	4-8 October	Vienna, Austria
Technical Panel on Glossary	11-15 October	Rome, Italy

IV. INFORMATION EXCHANGE

(a) Contact points

16. Through 15 June 2010, over 80 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. This means that contracting parties communicating with other IPPC contact points should visit the IPP frequently to ensure they have the latest contact information.

(b) Unofficial contact points

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

- Africa: None
- Asia: Myanmar
- Europe: Greece
- Latin America & the Caribbean: Bahamas, El Salvador, Saint Kitts & Nevis
- Near East: Bahrain, Kuwait, United Arab Emirates
- Southwest Pacific: Fiji, Tuvalu, Vanuatu.

(c) International Phytosanitary Portal (IPP)

18. Usage of the IPP continues to increase but it apparent that this can be improved in certain regions and in certain countries. Internet access/reliability has a role to play in certain countries.

19. A new form for communicating information regarding national implementation of ISPM 15 is now available on the IPP: https://www.ippc.int/?id=1110520&no_cache=1&type=ispm&L=0. Likewise, countries are also able to post information regarding their pest free areas or areas of low pest prevalence: https://www.ippc.int/?id=1110520&no_cache=1&type=pfa&L=0.

(d) Pest reporting

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

(e) Communications strategy

21. The secretariat continues to develop an IPPC communications strategy, and associated communications work plan, to support the resource mobilization strategy and to increase awareness of the benefits of the IPPC. This work is considered a high priority as many decision and policy makers are not aware of the importance and successes of the IPPC work.

22. As a result of an effective communications strategy we would expect to see:

- global recognition of the successes of the work done by the IPPC;
- global recognition of the negative impact of the phytosanitary failures;
- changed perceptions about what constitutes real, urgent threats and risks while protecting plants;
- substantially improved recognition of the NPPO's role and importance in protecting national plant health;
- substantially improved resources available to the plant protection community (national, regional and globally) to conduct their currently under resourced work in a more sustainable manner, particularly relative to the comparable programmes of animal health and food safety;
- phytosanitary resource issues are embedded as a national priority and in policy;

- effective global and regional cooperation and synergies developed in meeting this goal; and
- the generation of improved financial and in kind support for the secretariat.

V. DISPUTE SETTLEMENT

23. The secretariat has received the first official request for the activation of the IPPC Dispute Settlement system. Although there have been many successful informal consultations regarding phytosanitary dispute avoidance in the past, this will be the first formal case under the IPPC.

VI. CAPACITY BUILDING

(a) Strategy and operational plan

24. The IPPC secretariat presented the phytosanitary capacity building strategy and the operational plan to CPM-5 for approval. The strategy was adopted and further work on the operational plan was approved. A small working group will be convened in October 2010 to progress the operational plan further.

(b) Projects (phytosanitary capacity development)

25. 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 below, among the following eight projects directly supported by the IPPC secretariat:

- *UNJP/URT/129/MUL - Bio security capacity building*
- *STDF 171 - Establishment of a Centre of Phytosanitary Excellence (COPE) in East Africa*
- *STDF 230 - Establishment of Lethal yellowing Disease- free area for coconuts in Mozambique*
- *STDF 133- Capacity building in the use of the Phytosanitary Capacity Evaluation Tool in the Pacific: A final report was prepared and submitted to the STDF secretariat.*
- *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*
- *TCP/MDV/3201: Maldives - Assistance in the Drafting of Agricultural Legislation.*

(c) Project formulation

26. The IPPC secretariat continues to assist in the formulation of a number of projects to improve phytosanitary capacity of members. These include:

- *Regional project for West Africa on *Bactrocera invadens* valued at USD 9M*

- *Project to strengthen phytosanitary services in Mozambique*
- *Five (5) multi-year trust fund projects submitted for proposal to donors by FAO.*

In addition, contracting parties submit project formulation requests to the secretariat from time to time. The IPPC secretariat has assisted Afghanistan, the Bahamas, Lebanon, Lesotho, Malawi and Senegal by providing technical inputs on project design. Projects are currently being formulated and submitted to donors for funding.

(d) Phytosanitary capacity evaluation

27. Development of a new improved online version continues and significant progress has been made. The PCE tool is being translated into Spanish and French. These language versions will be integrated into the site as soon as they are completed. A Regional Plant Protection Organization (OIRSA – Organismo Internacional Regional de Sanidad Agropecuaria), is paying for the translation of the tool into Spanish. Software Development is expected to be concluded at the end of July and field testing will commence from 15 July – December 2010.

(e) Implementation review and support system

28. The Commission on Phytosanitary Measures (CPM-3, 2008) adopted the Programme for the Development of the "Implementation Review and Support System" (IRSS). IRSS programme has now started and core activities include the establishment of an "IPPC Help Desk" and the development, distribution and analysis of a questionnaire on the implementation of the Convention by the Contracting Parties. The "IPPC Help Desk" would deal with:

- countries requesting assistance on the implementation of ISPMs;
- provision of advice relating to ISPMs (with assistance of the Subsidiary Body on Dispute Settlement);
- monitoring, identification and reporting of compliance and implementation issues; and
- ensuring contracting parties requesting assistance are put in contact with potential funding sources.

29. The IPPC secretariat does not currently have funding to continue providing staff for this post past 31 December 2010. This needs to be urgently addressed as the IRSS programme will not continue in 2011 if additional budgetary resources are not found. The secretariat is actively looking for funding from donors and partners to ensure the IRSS is sustainable and becomes an integral part of the CPM work programme.

VII. RESOURCE MOBILIZATION

30. The sustainability of IPPC secretariat, and hence the work programme of the IPPC, is being addressed as a matter of urgency. The current resource allocation (financial and human resources) is simply not sustainable. Therefore, the Secretary is giving this his highest priority and has begun discussions with the governing body and some partners to improve the situation in the foreseeable future. This will be one of the primary focus areas during the annual meeting of the CPM informal Working Group on Strategic Planning and Technical Assistance in the early October.

31. The secretariat would welcome any discussions with contracting parties or partner organizations that would provide solutions to the current challenges, particularly in the medium to long term.

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) *Phytosanitary principles for the protection of plants and the application of phytosanitary measures in international trade* (originally adopted in 1993, revised in 2006)
- ISPM No. 2 (2007) *Framework for pest risk analysis* (originally adopted in 1995, revised in 2007)
- ISPM No. 3 (2005) *Guidelines for the export, shipment, import and release of biological control agents and other beneficial organisms* (originally adopted in 1996, revised in 2005)
- ISPM No. 4 (1995) *Requirements for the establishment of pest free areas*
- ISPM No. 5 (2009) *Glossary of phytosanitary terms* (updated as needed)
- Supplement No. 1 (2001) *Guidelines on the interpretation and application of the concept of official control for regulated pests*
 - Supplement No. 2 (2003) *Guidelines on the understanding of potential economic importance and related terms including reference to environmental considerations*
 - Appendix No. 1 (2009): *Terminology of the Convention on Biological Diversity in relation to the Glossary of phytosanitary terms*
- ISPM No. 6 (1997) *Guidelines for surveillance*
- ISPM No. 7 (1997) *Export certification system*
- ISPM No. 8 (1998) *Determination of pest status in an area*
- ISPM No. 9 (1998) *Guidelines for pest eradication programmes*
- ISPM No. 10 (1999) *Requirements for the establishment of pest free places of production and pest free production sites)*
- ISPM No. 11 (2004) *Pest risk analysis for quarantine pests, including analysis of environmental risks and living modified organisms* (originally adopted in 2001, revised in 2003 and 2004)
- ISPM No. 12 (2001) *Guidelines for phytosanitary certificates*
- ISPM No. 13 (2001) *Guidelines for the notification of non-compliance and emergency action*
- ISPM No. 14 (2002) *The use of integrated measures in a systems approach for pest risk management*
- ISPM No. 15 (2002) *Regulation of wood packaging material in international trade* (originally adopted in 2002, revised in 2009)
- Annex 1 (2006) *Approved measures associated with wood packaging materials* (methyl bromide fumigation schedule modified in 2006)
- ISPM No. 16 (2002) *Regulated non-quarantine pests: Concept and application*
- ISPM No. 17 (2002) *Pest reporting*

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)	<i>Requirements for the establishment of areas of low pest prevalence</i>
ISPM No. 23 (2005)	<i>Guidelines for inspection</i>
ISPM No. 24 (2005)	<i>Guidelines for the determination and recognition of equivalence of phytosanitary measures</i>
ISPM No. 25 (2006)	<i>Consignments in transit</i>
ISPM No. 26 (2006)	<i>Establishment of pest free areas for fruit flies (Tephritidae)</i>
ISPM No. 27 (2006)	<i>Diagnostic protocols for regulated pests</i>
-	- Annex 1 (2010) Diagnostic protocol for <i>Thrips palmi</i> Karny
ISPM No. 28 (2007)	<i>Phytosanitary treatments for regulated pests</i>
-	- Annex 1 (2009) Irradiation treatment for <i>Anastrepha ludens</i>
-	- Annex 2 (2009) Irradiation treatment for <i>Anastrepha obliqua</i>
-	- Annex 3 (2009) Irradiation treatment for <i>Anastrepha serpentina</i>
-	- Annex 4 (2009) Irradiation treatment for <i>Bactrocera jarvisi</i>
-	- Annex 5 (2009) Irradiation treatment for <i>Bactrocera tryoni</i>
-	- Annex 6 (2009) Irradiation treatment for <i>Cydia pomonella</i>
-	- Annex 7 (2009) Irradiation treatment for fruit flies of the family Tephritidae (generic)
-	- Annex 8 (2009) Irradiation treatment for <i>Rhagoletis pomonella</i>
-	- Annex 9 (2010) Irradiation treatment for <i>Conotrachelus nenuphar</i>
-	- Annex 10 (2010) Irradiation treatment for <i>Grapholita Molesta</i>
-	- Annex 11 (2010) Irradiation treatment for <i>Grapholita Molesta</i> under hypoxia
ISPM No. 29 (2007)	<i>Recognition of pest free areas and areas of low pest prevalence</i>
ISPM No. 30 (2008)	<i>Establishment of areas of low pest prevalence for fruit flies (Tephritidae)</i>
ISPM No. 31 (2008)	<i>Methodologies for sampling of consignments</i>
ISPM No. 32 (2009)	<i>Categorization of commodities according to their pest risk</i>
ISPM No. 33 (2010)	<i>Pest free potato (<i>Solanum spp.</i>) micropropagative material and minitubers for international trade</i>
ISPM No. 34 (2010)	<i>Design and operation of post-entry quarantine stations for plants</i>
