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**INTERNATIONAL STANDARDS AND BEST PRACTICES  
IN PEST RISK IDENTIFICATION, ASSESSMENT AND MANAGEMENT**

**WTO SPS COMMITTEE – PROPOSED THEMATIC SESSION**

COMMUNICATION FROM THE EUROPEAN UNION

*Revision*

The following document, received on 15 September 2022, is being circulated at the request of the Delegation of the European Union.

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Following the comments received on the proposal to hold a thematic session on the international standards and best practices in pest risk identification, assessment and management, the Delegation of the European Union submits herein a proposed programme for the thematic session.

The thematic session will provide an opportunity for WTO Members to increase their awareness about the relevant IPPC International Standards for Phytosanitary Measures (IPPC standards) and to elaborate and corroborate how these are reflected in their domestic import phytosanitary regimes. In particular, Members are invited to share best practices in conducting pest risk analyses efficiently and apply effective risk management options that facilitate trade. The thematic session will focus on trade-related questions and aims to identify best practices, in particular on issues such as: (i) Identification of pests of phytosanitary concern; (ii) Use of reference databases and historical pest interception data and records; (iii) Performance of pest risk analyses (PRAs); (iv) Risk mitigation measures; (v) Phytosanitary certification and/or import conditions; and (vi) IPPC standards on risk management.

The thematic session will be held in Geneva, Switzerland, on Tuesday, 8 November 2022, beginning at 10:00 (CET), and continuing in the afternoon at 15:00 (CET), as necessary.

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## 1 OPENING REMARKS

## 2 RELEVANT PROVISIONS OF THE SPS AGREEMENT AND WORK OF THE SPS COMMITTEE

### Speaker:

- WTO Secretariat [*Speaker TBC*]

*Followed by Q&A session and discussion.*

## 3 PLANT HEALTH, TRADE AND THE ROLE OF INTERNATIONAL STANDARDS

This session will provide an update on relevant international standards, and highlight the importance of plant health and trade in supporting food security.

### Speakers:

- IPPC [*Speaker TBC*]
- FAO [*TBC*]

*Followed by Q&A session and discussion.*

## 4 BEST PRACTICES IN PEST RISK IDENTIFICATION, ASSESSMENT AND MANAGEMENT

Members will present case studies on best practices in pest risk identification, assessment and management, offering the opportunity to discuss benefits and challenges in practice.

### Speakers:

- **Dr Antarjo Dikin**, Senior Expert of Plant Quarantine Analyst, Indonesian Agriculture Quarantine Agency, Ministry of Agriculture, Indonesia. *Risk analysis practice for plant quarantine in Indonesia.*
- European Union [*Speaker TBC*]. *EU legal requirements and administrative procedures related to the management of pest risks in trade with fruit, vegetables, and other plant products.*
- **Ms Jing Huang**, Senior Agronomist, Research Center of GACC for international inspection and quarantine standards and technical regulations; and **Mr Ruosi Liu**, Senior Agronomist, Science and Technology Research Center of China Customs, China. *Research and practice of risk assessment methods in China.*
- **Ms Helen Anderson**, Pest Risk Analyst, Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs (Defra), United Kingdom.
- Australia [*Speaker TBC*]
- **Ms Lilian Daisy Ibáñez Olate**, Head of the Pest Risk Analysis Section, Plant Quarantine Sub-Department, Agricultural, Forestry and Seed Protection Division, Agriculture and Livestock Service, Chile.

*Followed by Q&A session and discussion.*

## 5 PRACTICAL EXPERIENCES IN THE APPLICATION OF PEST RISK MANAGEMENT IN TRADE

Members, international/regional organizations and industry representatives will exchange practical experiences in the application of pest risk management in trade.

### Speakers:

- Thailand [*Speaker TBC*]
- Senegal [*Speaker TBC*]

- **Mr Philippe Binard**, Secretary General, Freshfel Europe. *Practical problems with phytosanitary trade conditions.*

*Followed by Q&A session and discussion.*

## **6 PANEL DISCUSSION**

Panellists will exchange experiences on ways of streamlining pest risk assessments and pest risk mitigation measures while ensuring plant protection. This panel discussion will also explore speakers' understanding of the link between risk management measures and their possible impact on food security, as well as discuss the possible development of further IPPC guidance related to fruits and vegetables.

**Moderator: Dr Osama El-Lissy**, IPPC Secretary.

**Panellists:** [TBC] (*speakers from previous sessions will be included in the panel*)

*Followed by Q&A session and discussion.*

## **7 CLOSING REMARKS**

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