

The International Plant Protection Convention

DRAFT ISPM: International movement of cut flowers (2008-005)

IPPC first consultation

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Background

- SC recommended topic in November 2004 and in April 2005 added to the work plan
- CPM-3 (2008) added topic to the work programme
- SC approved change title (*International movement of cut flowers and branches*) in April 2012
- **SC approved Specification 56** in November 2012
- EWG drafted text in June 2014. Steward revised.
- SC May 2015, November 2015 and 2016: reviewed the draft and forwarded to “SC small groups”
- SC approved change title (*International movement of cut flowers and foliage*) in November 2015
- **SC May 2017** revised the draft and new title (*International movement of cut flowers*) **and approved for first consultation**

General Considerations

Reason for the ISPM

A large volume of cut flowers is moved in international trade and these products may be a pathway for quarantine pests.



Delivery of these perishable commodities may be delayed because of identification or treatment of pests detected at points of entry.



ISPM: To provide guidelines on how to minimize risks from quarantine pests present in cut flowers prior to importation could contribute to mitigating risks related to the international trade and to reducing delays at borders.

Major drafting issues

Low pest risk

- Cut flowers are generally recognized as being a relatively low pest risk commodity class because of its intended use (for decoration or ornamentation).

Perishability

- “Perishability” as a factor that influences the pest risk management options , is addressed in more detail in the core text of the draft.

Diversity of cut flowers species

- Pest groups associated with cut flowers and relevant phytosanitary measures were extensively discussed because the large number of species/types of cut flowers.

Pest groups

- Pest groups associated with cut flowers and relevant phytosanitary measures: Not an exhaustive list is provided in Table 1 of the draft ISPM.

Major drafting issues

Risk ranking of major pest groups for cut flowers

- **Higher-risk pest groups vs. Lower- or negligible-risk pest groups:**

“Pest risk varies within the broad category of cut flowers, depending on the plant taxon and the species of pest. Furthermore, within any given cut flower species there is a range of pest risk associated with the type of material being moved (e.g. bare stemmed, stems with foliage, fruit).”

- This relative ranking may be useful as guidance in the PRA.

Major drafting issues

Pest groups for cut flowers

- During the revision, some SC members considered important to retain the table 01 on “Examples of pest groups that may be associated with the international movement of cut flowers” as an Appendix because the list presented was neither exhaustive nor comprehensive. The SC agreed to be part of the core text of the ISPM, as it provides useful guidance to NPPOs.
- Should be placed in a non-prescriptive appendix as the list was not exhaustive? Or necessarily be part of the core text?

Other relevant information

Phytosanitary measures



Phytosanitary measures: Clarity was provided by the SC with options to be considered as part of pest risk management.

Other relevant information

Requirements and scope of the standard:



Several SC members were concerned with the lack of requirements in the standard.



The SC felt it should be possible to identify requirements that would work as a basis for global trade.



SC acknowledged that the topic had originally been submitted due to an identified need for pest risk analysis guidance.

The SC agreed to proceed with the draft as it was currently developed (i.e. also providing specific guidance on identified pest risks).

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