

**Draft specification form for proposed standards****I. General information**

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**2. Standard information**

<b>Title</b>	Annex to ISPM 46 - Annex outlining commodities of lower pest risk complexity
<b>Reasons</b>	Reason for the annex to the standard
<b>Provide the reason</b>	<p>During the 2022 Pacific Plant Protection Organisation (PPPO) Executive Committee meeting, the PPPO members highlighted the importance of the trade of coconut to the region and identified coconut as a priority topic for submission as a proposed commodity standard annex to the 2023 Call for Topics. As this proposal was further considered, it was considered that coconut is a relatively simple commodity to trade, being that there are relatively few associated regulated pests and associated measures. As a result, it is considered that coconut would be too simple to be developed into a standalone commodity specific annex. With this in mind, it was considered that there could be a number of other commodities for which trade is relatively simple with few pests/measures to consider. These would be useful to document to provide countries a resource of simple commodities to consider or to have confidence in the consideration of the import of these commodities.</p>
<b>Scope</b>	<p>The proposed Annex should outline commodities for which there are relatively few pests associated with their trade and relatively few measures required to reduce the associated pest risk. This list could be used to inform and guide national plant protection organisations (NPPOs) on the safe trade of such commodities for which the trade is too simple to warrant the development of individual commodity-specific standard. The proposed appendix should list commodities of lower pest risk complexity together with the key measures to reduce pest risk. This table or list should provide countries which have limited</p>

	capacity to conduct their own pest risk analyses with a starting point of options to use to increase confidence that pest risk has been managed.
<b>Purpose</b>	The purpose of this Annex is to provide NPPOs a list of commodities that have relatively low pest risk complexity. Increasing NPPO understanding of the export/import options that carry comparatively low risk may assist facilitation of trade, encourage harmonisation of measures and fast-track trade negotiations.
<b>Task</b>	<p>The Technical Panel on Commodity Standards (TPCS) should undertake the following tasks:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(1) Research and consolidate a list of traded commodities which have a low pest risk complexity i.e. relatively few pests associated with traded product and/or relatively few measures required to adequately reduce pest risk.</li> <li>(2) Identify and provide a list of key pests or pest groups that are known to be associated with the traded commodities.</li> <li>(3) List options for effective phytosanitary measures, including effective combinations of phytosanitary measures, against these pests or pest groups for each traded commodity.</li> <li>(4) Consider whether an Annex is the most appropriate mechanism to incorporate this type of information or if another document type is better suited.</li> <li>(5) Consider implementation of the annex by contracting parties and identify potential operational and technical implementation issues. Provide information and possible recommendations on these issues to the Standards Committee.</li> <li>(6) Consider whether the appendix to this ISPM could affect in a specific way (positively or negatively) the protection of biodiversity and the environment. If this is the case, the impact should be identified, addressed and clarified in the draft appendix to ISPM 46.</li> </ol>
<b>Expertise</b>	Technical Panel on Commodity Standards (TPCS) and other experts if deemed necessary.
<b>References</b>	The IPPC, relevant ISPMs and other national, regional and international standards and agreements as may be applicable to the tasks, and discussion papers submitted in relation to this work.