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I. Background Information

1. Sea containers are a significant pathway for the potential entry of pests, as they move large volumes of internationally traded goods and personal effects. Entry and spread of pests to new areas via sea containers could result in important control and eradication costs, losses in yields and access to export markets, and threaten food security, agriculture, as well as the environment.
2. Surveys carried out in some countries have indicated that sea containers (also known as Cargo Transport Units - CTUs) to a varying degree may carry contamination, in particular in the form of interior and exterior presence of seeds, snails, slugs, soil, spiders and other biosecurity risk items that may pose a pest risk. Some countries already regulate some of the pests as quarantine pests and containers themselves as regulated articles, while other countries may not yet have performed a pest risk analysis (PRA) or pathway risk evaluation.
3. As shipping containers move between many countries there should be a common practice or harmonized approach to provide guidelines to countries for managing such pest risks.
4. To that end there were several milestone activities undertaken by the IPPC.

II. IPPC activities related to the sea containers

5. The IPPC progressed the development of an ISPM on Minimizing pest movement by sea containers (2008-001). The standard was intended to provide guidance to national plant protection organizations (NPPOs) to identify:

- Particular pest risks associated with shipping containers as pathways.
- Appropriate phytosanitary measures to mitigate such risks and relevant verification procedures.

6. CPM-10, April 2015¹ adopted the CPM Recommendation on Sea Containers².

7. A special topics session on the issue of sea containers was held during the CPM -11, April 2016 with the participation of NPPOs, relevant international organizations and stakeholders involved in the movement of sea containers. Based on the discussions CPM -11³ *inter alia*:

- Agreed that the harmonization of requirements through the development of a draft ISPM on minimizing pest movement by sea containers (2008-001) is considered as complex to achieve.
- Agreed that the status of the topic on Minimizing Pest Movement by Sea Containers (2008-001) should be changed to pending and reconsidered by the CPM in maximum five years, to allow for the implementation of the CTU Code and Recommendation CPM 10/2015_01 and an analysis of their impact on reducing pest movement by sea containers.
- Recognized that the implementation of the IMO/ILO/UNECE CTU Code, and of the Recommendation CPM 10/2015_01 on Sea Containers would help address the risks of sea containers being contaminated.
- Requested the Bureau to consider the development of a "set of complimentary actions" which, combined, may offer some value in assessing and managing the pests threats associated with sea containers.

8. The CPM -12⁴, April 2017, discussed and endorsed the Complementary Action Plan for Assessing and Managing the Pest Threats Associated with Sea Containers⁵ and noted the priority actions to be undertaken, including the establishment of the International Plant Protection Convention (IPPC) Sea Containers Task Force (SCTF).

III. Introduction

9. The first meeting of the IPPC Sea Container Task Force (SCTF) was held on 6-10 November 2017, in Shanghai, China with the support of funds generously provided by the Peoples' Republic of China, the United States of America and industry organizations such as Maersk Line. The meeting was jointly organized by the IPPC Secretariat, and the General Administration of Quality Supervision, Inspection & Quarantine (AQSIQ) of the Peoples' Republic of China, and hosted by the Shanghai Inspection and Quarantine Bureau (SHCIQ).

10. At their first meeting, the SCTF⁶ reviewed, *inter alia*, the SCTF Terms of Reference (ToR) and Rules of Procedure (RoP) and developed the SCTF five-year action plan and work plan and proposed budget for 2018.

¹ CPM -10, March 2015, Report - https://www.ippc.int/static/media/files/publication/en/2015/07/Report_CPM-10_Final_posted_2015-07-02.pdf

² CPM Recommendation on Sea Containers - <https://www.ippc.int/en/publications/84233/>

³ CPM -11, April 2016, Report - <https://www.ippc.int/en/publications/82487/>

⁴ CPM-12, April 2017, Report - https://www.ippc.int/static/media/files/publication/en/2017/05/CPM-12_Report-2017-05-30_withISPMs.pdf

⁵ Sea Containers Complementary Action Plan - <https://www.ippc.int/en/publications/84507/>

⁶ The first SCTF meeting report - https://www.ippc.int/static/media/files/publication/en/2018/01/1st_SCTF_Meeting_Report_20170116.pdf

The purpose of this paper is to provide information to the CPM-13 about the first SCTF meeting outcomes.

IV. The outcomes of the first SCTF meeting

Terms of References and Rules of Procedure of the SCTF

11. The CPM Bureau at their June 2017 meeting discussed, reviewed and approved Terms of References and Rules of Procedure of the SCTF⁷. The Bureau decided that the TF Core Memberships is: a maximum 3 contracting parties, 1 RPPO, 1 SC, 1 former EWG, 1 IC, 1 WCO, 1 Bureau (Marie-Claude FOREST) and invited experts from defined organizations: COA, WSC and import/export (trading community) representatives. Later the CPM Bureau agreed to add one representative of the World Bank (WB) to the Invited experts.

12. The SCTF at their first meeting reviewed the SCTF Terms of Reference (ToR) and Rules of Procedure (RoP). It was noted that the World Customs organization (WCO) is not the owner of the Code of Practice for Packing of Cargo Transport Units (CTU Code); the International Maritime Organization (IMO), the International Labour Organization (ILO) and the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe (UNECE) are. The IMO representative will cover this aspect when attending an SCTF meeting. Therefore the ToR was revised to include an IMO representative as CTU Code manager.

13. It was also agreed to amend under Invited experts “World Seas Containers” to read “World Shipping Council” in the ToR. One member proposed to add one expert from the Global Shippers Forum to ensure shippers are part of the discussion on risk management for sea containers.

14. The revised Terms of References and Rules of Procedure of the SCTF as per Bureau and SCTF decisions are available in the APPENDIX 1 of this paper.

V. Membership of the Sea SCTF

15. In July 2017 the IPPC Secretariat issued a call for experts for the SCTF based on the criteria developed by the Secretariat and Bureau representatives⁸. In addition to RPPOs, Standards Committee (SC), Implementation and Capacity Development Committee (IC) and WCO nominated their representatives to the SCTF. Invited experts were also confirmed.

16. The SCTF membership as agreed by the CPM Bureau including an expert from the Chinese industry nominated as per the first SCTF meeting decision is available in the APPENDIX 2 of this paper.

VI. The IPPC SCTF Five-Year Action Plan

17. The SCTF developed their five-year action plan based on the Sea Container Complementary Action Plan and SCTF ToR.

18. It was agreed that there are two distinct work streams for the SCTF:

- Monitoring the CTU code implementation
- Communication/raising awareness activities

19. The five-year action plan agreed by the SCTF is available in the APPENDIX 3 of this paper.

⁷ The CPM Bureau June 2017 meeting report - https://www.ippc.int/static/media/files/publication/en/2017/08/Bureau_Report_2017_June-2017-08-01_NEW.pdf

⁸ Call for experts for the SCTF - <https://www.ippc.int/en/calls/2017-june-sea-container-task-force-call-for-experts/>

VII. The IPPC SCTF Work Plan for 2018

20. The SCTF reviewed the current status i.e. “What do we know” and a number of action points were agreed as follows, which constitute the 2018 Work Plan.
21. The SCTF 2018 Work Plan is available in the APPENDIX 4 of this paper.
22. The CPM is requested:
 - 1) *To note* reviewed Terms of Reference (ToR) and Rules of Procedure (RoP) of the SCTF as presented in the APPENDIX 1 of this paper.
 - 2) *To note* membership of the SCTF as presented in the APPENDIX 2 of this paper.
 - 3) *To note* the IPPC SCTF five-year action plan as presented in the APPENDIX 3 of this paper.
 - 4) *To note* the IPPC SCTF Work Plan for 2018 as presented in the APPENDIX 4 of this paper
 - 5) *To thank* contracting parties (People’s Republic of China and the United States of America) and industry organizations who provided financial support for the SCTF Coordinator and for the IPPC SCTF to have their first meeting in China and urge other contracting parties to provide financial support for the operation of the SCTF and implementation of the five-year action plan.

APPENDIX 1 - Terms of References and Rules of Procedure of the SCTF as reviewed by the first SCTF meeting (November 2017).

Purpose

1. The Sea Container Task Force (SCTF) is a sub-group of the Implementation and Capacity Development Committee (IC) whose purpose is to supervise and direct the implementation of the Sea Container Complementary Action Plan⁹⁹ under the oversight of the IC.

Scope

2. The SCTF will supervise actions in the Sea Container Complementary Action Plan and complement them with any other actions through:

- Providing information on pest risks of sea containers and their management
- Coordinating with contracting parties, regional plant protection organizations (RPPOs), industry and other international organizations
- Establishing a mechanism for contracting parties to report to Commission on Phytosanitary Measures (CPM) on their progress and achievements
- Providing advice on how the Cargo Transport Unit (CTU) shipping code or any other instrument could be updated and
- Providing, through the Implementation and Capacity Development Committee (IC), updates on its activities to be presented annually to the CPM, as well as a final report for presentation to CPM-16 (2021).

3. As agreed by the CPM¹², the SCTF will operate for a temporary period to supervise the actions of the Sea Container Complementary Action Plan at the latest until CPM16 in 2021.

Composition

4. The SCTF should be composed of representatives of contracting parties, RPPOs, international organizations and phytosanitary experts who already have an experience relevant to the pest risks on sea containers and their management.

5. This may be drawn from:

Core members:

- Up to three representatives of contracting parties;
- One representative from the CPM Bureau
- One steward from the IC
- One representative of the SC
- One representative from World Customs Organization (WCO)
- One representative from International Maritime Organization (IMO)
- One representative from the RPPOs.

⁹⁹ Sea Containers Complementary Action Plan endorsed by CPM 12 - https://www.ippc.int/static/media/files/publication/en/2017/05/CPM-12_Report-2017-05-30_withISPMs.pdf

Invited experts:

- One expert from Container Owners Association (COA)
- One from industry, importer/export trading community
- One from World Bank
- One from World Shipping Council
- One from the Global Shippers Forum
- One former Sea Container Expert Working Group (EWG) member.

6. A fixed core membership of six to eight experts may be supplemented by additional experts from national plant protection organizations (NPPOs), the Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD) and the World Organization for Animal Health (OIE) where expertise such as on risk management, implementation experience, economic and financial analysis, is needed to implement the Complementary Action Plan.

7. A member of the IC is appointed as a Steward of the SCTF to ensure appropriate linkage with the IC. The Steward is required to attend SCTF meetings and act as a liaison with the IC.

8. An officer from the IPPC Secretariat would be assigned as a focal point to the topic and would ensure liaison and consistency across the different IPPC governing bodies.

9. An SCTF Coordinator will be appointed by the Bureau.

10. The SCTF Coordinator is required to support and drive the activities of the SCTF to achieve the outcomes defined by the work plan, and will liaise closely with the IC Steward.

11. The Coordinator will:

- Maintain the membership list and contact details of the SCTF members
- Coordinate arrangements for any SCTF meetings, either face to face or virtual
- Facilitate actions to progress the SCTF work plan
- Facilitate communication and engagement with and between SCTF members, CPs, RPPOs, industry, technical experts and other international organizations to progress activities and outcomes of the SCTF
- Prepare and deliver reports to the IC on the activities and achievements of the SCTF with reference to the agreed SCTF work plan
- Liaise with the IPPC Secretariat to monitor SCTF expenditure against the agreed SCTF budget and available resource
- Coordinate the publication of resource materials with the IPPC Secretariat

Functions

12. The SCTF Coordinator will support and drive the functions and activities of the SCTF to achieve the outcomes defined by the work plan, to act as liaison with the IC and the CPM.

13. Key functions of the SCTF are:

- Measuring the impact of the CTU shipping code through:
 - The development of a joint IPPC/International Maritime Organization (IMO)/industry protocol for the collection of data related to contamination of sea containers to be completed by CPM-16 (2021);
 - Monitoring the uptake and implementation of the IMO/ILO/United Nations Economic Commission for Europe (UNECE) Code of Practice for Packing of Cargo Transport Units through:
 - Industry reporting
 - NPPO monitoring

- Verifying the efficacy of the CTU shipping code in ensuring the arrival of clean sea container through:
 - Monitoring for pest contamination and freedom of soil by NPPOs;
 - Assisting NPPOs manage pest risks associated with sea containers,
- Increasing awareness of pest risks of sea container through:
 - Publication of the data of the Sea Container EWG by the IPPC Secretariat;
 - A request by the IPPC Secretariat for countries having data on contamination of sea containers to make it publically available;
 - Calling for and publication of pest risk management guidance material for sea containers;
 - Encouraging NPPOs to inform industry on the risks and possible international actions to manage pest risks associated with sea containers; and
- Ensuring that any regulations on sea containers that are developed and implemented by NPPOs are based on pest risk analysis and consistent with Recommendation CPM 10/2015_01 on Sea Containers¹⁰.

Relationship with the IPPC Secretariat

14. The IPPC Secretariat is responsible for providing administrative, editorial, operational and technical support to the SCTF. The Secretariat advises the IC on the availability and use of financial and staff resources for the SCTF.

Relationship with the IC

15. The SCTF can request decisions biannually or out of session from the IC.

16. The SCTF should provide biannual updates to the IC and out of session updates as deemed necessary.

¹⁰ Recommendation CPM 10/2015_01 on Sea Containers - https://www.ippc.int/static/media/files/publication/en/2017/04/R_06_En_2017-04-26_Combined_DwiZlUp.pdf

RULES OF PROCEDURE OF THE SEA CONTAINERS TASK FORCE (SCTF)

Membership

1. The SCTF should be composed of representatives of contracting parties, regional plant protection organizations (RPPOs), international organizations and phytosanitary experts who already have an experience relevant to the pest risks on sea containers and their management.
2. Members of the SCTF should be nominated by contracting parties or RPPOs and have expertise in IPPC matters and sea container logistics. At least one member of the SCTF should be a Sea Container EWG member. In addition, industry experts and representatives of relevant international organizations could also be part of the task force as invited experts, as required.

Procedure for selection of members

3. Membership of the SCTF will be sought through a call, coordinated by the IPPC Secretariat on behalf of the IC. This may be for specific expertise or for a SCTF core member. Alternates may be sought for core membership.
4. Members are selected by the Commission on Phytosanitary Measures (CPM) Bureau on the basis of expertise and relevance.

Chairperson and vice chairperson

5. The Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson of the SCTF are elected by its members and serve for the period of implementation of the Complementary Action Plan, on acceptance of the CPM Bureau.

Meetings

6. The SCTF will meet at least once a year and should convene virtual meetings as frequently as needed.
7. The SCTF will meet prior to the second annual meeting of the IC each year, during its activity.

Observers and invited experts

8. Meetings of the SCTF will be open to observers, in accordance with the applicable Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) and CPM rules and procedures.
9. In addition, industry experts and representatives of relevant international organizations could also be part of the task force as invited experts, including former Sea Container EWG members.

Decision making

10. The SCTF in its regular or out of session reports to the IC can request decisions for:
 - Approval and/or revision of the work plan;
 - Actions requiring extra budgetary resources; and
 - Recommendations for further actions.

Reporting

11. The SCTF will report to the IC biannually, at least two weeks prior to schedule meetings of the IC.

APPENDIX 2 - IPPC SCTF membership***IPPC SCTF membership***

The below list of individuals consists of members, invited experts and observers.

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Invited experts		
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APPENDIX 3 – The SCTF five-year action plan agreed by the SCTF

The five-year action plan

Year 1

Establishment of SCTF

- Inaugural meeting
- Initial action plan assigned
- IC meeting – agreement for and subsequent calls for information

1st report

Update membership

o/c Bureau meeting for approval

Year 2

- Establishment of publicly accessible Sea Container and SCTF pages on the IPP
- Data collection – industry/NPPOs
- Alignment of industry container cleaning guidelines
- Develop joint how-to guidelines
- Receive existing NPPO data. Consolidate for review/analysis
- Work with IC/Secretariat to have actions for NPPO reports or CTU implementation/achievement advocate work at SCTF at CPM-13 and subsequently
- Create a calendar of industry events for NPPO attendance
- Industry awareness/profile raising – SCTF member attendance
- Setting up mechanism for best practice sharing and fostering communication between NPPOs and RPPOs
- Presentation at TC-RPPOs annual meeting
- Production and distribution of outreach material
- Separate Calendar of industry events for SCTF members attendance including IMO meetings
- Translation of material
- Pilot AEO and WB/WCO management
- Receive and analyse results of call to establish regulatory basis for NPPO inspections and actions, subsequent recommendation to IC and CPM
- Report to IC and CPM
- Create success criteria

Year 3

- Data collection
- Communication / awareness activities including RPPOs at the regional level
- Prepare material for 2020 International Year of Plant Health (IYPH).
- Review material available to NPPOs
- International Plant Protection Convention Page 23 of 25
- Assess update / success requirements – provisional go/no go
- Plan for alternate action based on result standard or?
- Plan for future requirements e.g. data exchange
- Early warning to IC and CPM as appropriate
- Recommendation to design changes to sea containers to minimize contamination.

Year 4

- Continue awareness with continued involvement from NPPOs and RPPOs
- Continue monitoring and data collection/analysis
- Go/no go recommendation to IC and CPM – future action
- Final data collection /analysis. Report to SCTF annual meeting
- Elicit information from RPPOs.

APPENDIX 4 – The SCTF 2018 Work Plan

The SCTF 2018 Work Plan with Action Items

With respect to monitoring uptake and efficacy of the CTU Code:

- Industry will investigate and implement reporting of numbers of contaminated (Pest contaminated in IPPC terms) containers returned or positioned to container depots. It was agreed that a representative sample consisting of 2 or 3 major shipping lines would serve for this purpose initially with the intention to expand reporting further should it be deemed necessary based on sample findings.

Such reporting will be on a gross basis, that is to say, simply numbers of contaminated containers dealt with. The purpose of this is to provide simple trend monitoring over time, which will enable an assessment of the uptake and effectiveness of the CTU code provisions.

Action: COA, Mr Rysz

Timeline: 12 months

- It is recognised that there are a multitude of Container cleaning guidelines in use within the shipping industry and that some form of alignment with respect to the cleaning of pest contamination is required. Industry will be engaged at various industry forums to encourage acceptance and adoption of the joint Industry Guidelines for Cleaning of Containers and subsequent amendment of existing guidelines where appropriate.

Action: COA, WSC (to be discussed and confirmed)

Timeline: 12 months

- China noted that the IICL Guidelines for Container Cleaning is in common use in Chinese container depots. Inclusion of the Industry Guidelines for Container Cleaning in this document is recognised as highly desirable as, in addition to the cleaning documents above it has widespread industry usage. The IICL should thus be reached out to and requested to include the Industry Guidelines for Container Cleaning in their own documentation.

Action: Mr Downes

Timeline: 12 months

- The Task Force concluded that monitoring by NPPOs to gauge the uptake and effect of the CTU code adoption over time is necessary in addition to Industry cleaning data. It was agreed to request the Implementation Committee (IC) and IPPC Secretariat to make a call to ascertain which NPPOs can provide such data and/or who are currently undertaking such monitoring.

Once the results of the call are received the SCTF will collect data, review the findings and decide which of the above is applicable for baseline and on-going monitoring.

Action: Mr Albakri

Timeline: Discuss call request at forthcoming IC meeting in December.

- The Task Force recognised that, subsequent to the call above, other NPPOs may wish to undertake monitoring and reporting and that they should be encouraged to do so. To assist in this it was agreed that guidance on what should be reported and a suitable format to do so would be useful. This is to be developed and made available on the SCTF website.

Action: Mr Karri

Timeline: 2 months for consultation and reporting template agreement

With respect to Communication/Increasing Awareness

- NPPOs should attend SC industry events to foster awareness and cooperation. It is recognised that this may be limited by budgetary constraints
- Develop guidance and best-practice sharing. Liaise with IPPC Integration and Support Unit to determine how this can be achieved
 - Enhance website for Sea Container Pest Management guidance on the IPP
 - Communication kit for NPPOs and RPPOs
 - Social Media
 - Facebook
 - Twitter
 - IPPC branded outreach material
 - Risk guidance material able to be “local” branded and freely shared

Action: Mrs Marie-Claude Forest and Mr Mike Downes

- IPPC guidance/fact sheets – translated into FAO languages. Proposed that the excellent flyer distributed in the US and Canada (see attachment) is used as the basis for other region/country specific fact sheets subject to agreement from the US and Canada.

Action: Mrs Beltz

Timeline: Two months

- Determine what is already available both as existing NPPO guidance and in use nationally by NPPOs. Select and make available the most suitable material in an easy to access forum for both Industry and NPPOs.

Action: Ms Waghorn

Timeline: 6 months

- WCO AEO – proposal to add IPPC requirements to point number 7 of the AEO requirements. Liaise with WCO to assess feasibility.

Action: Mr Hesselink

Timeline: ?

- Pilot to assess what donor agency support e.g. WB is required to set up a basis for managing risk of sea containers in developing countries.

Action: Ms Morrissey

Timeline: End January 2018

- Regulations – encourage compliance in national regulations “consistent with” IPPC/CTU Code guidelines
- In order to assist NPPOs to establish monitoring regimes there is a need to establish how many have no regulatory basis for doing so. In addition, if a regulatory basis does exist, what authority is then delegated to NPPOs? An IC call is requested to establish this information.

Action: Mr Albakri

Timeline: Discuss call request at forthcoming IC meeting in December.