



37TH TC-RPPO

STANDARD SETTING UNIT / STANDARDS COMMITTEE UPDATE

(Prepared by the IPPC Secretariat)

Introduction

- [1] This paper briefly summarizes the Standard Setting Unit's (SSU) and Standard Committee activities.

1. Adoption by CPM-19 (2025)

- [2] The following two International Standards for Phytosanitary Measures (ISPMs) were presented and adopted by CPM-19 (March 2025):

- Annex 01 *International movement of fresh Mangifera indica fruit* (2021-011) to ISPM 46 (*Commodity-specific standards for phytosanitary measures*); and
- Annex 01 *Use of systems approaches in managing the pest risk associated with the movement of wood* (2015-004) to ISPM 39 (*International movement of wood*).

- [3] **Approved by CPM-19 (2025) (following review by CPM Focus Group on Safe Provision of Food and Other Humanitarian Aid and SC November 2024):**

- 1 Specification 77: Safe provision of food and other humanitarian aid in the phytosanitary context (2021-020)

2. Adoption by SC on behalf of CPM

- [4] The SC in 2025 on behalf of CPM adopted two new IPPC diagnostic protocols.

- DP 35 *Meloidogyne mali* (2018-019)
- DP 36 *Pospiviroid species* (2018-031)

3. SC May 2025 Meeting

- [5] The Standards Committee (SC) revised two draft International Standards for Phytosanitary Measures (ISPMs) and approved them to be submitted for a **first round** of consultation in 2025:

- draft annex *International movement of fresh Musa spp. fruit* (2023-028) to ISPM 46 (*Commodity-specific standards for phytosanitary measures*); and
- draft annex *International movement of fresh Colocasia esculenta corms* (2023-023) to ISPM 46.

- [6] The Standards Committee (SC) revised two draft International Standards for Phytosanitary Measures (ISPMs) and approved them to be submitted for a **second round** of consultation in 2025:

- draft revision of ISPM 26 (*Establishment and maintenance of pest free areas for fruit flies (Tephritidae)*) (2021-010);
- draft annex *Field inspection* (2021-018) to ISPM 23 (*Guidelines for inspection*).

- [7] The SC approved three draft specifications to be submitted to consultation in July 2025, all of which had been added to the list of topics by the Eighteenth Session of the Commission on Phytosanitary Measures (CPM) in 2024:

- draft specification on the annex *Remote audit* (2023-031) to ISPM 47 (*Audit in the phytosanitary context*);
- draft specification on the revision of ISPM 12 (*Phytosanitary certificates*) (2023-020); and
- draft specification on the revision of ISPM 23 (*Guidelines for inspection*) (2023-014).

- [8] The SC November meeting will take place physically in FAO HQ, on the pre-agreed date of:
- **SC November:** 17 to 21 November 2025.
- [9] All the Technical Panels¹ are continuing their work, and it is planned that they will meet physically this year.
- Technical Panel on Diagnostic Protocols (TPDP): 21-25 July 2025, Angers France
 - Technical Panel on Phytosanitary Treatments (TPPT): 16-20 June 2025, Yokohama, Japan
 - Technical Panel for the Glossary (TPG): Tentative November 2025
 - Technical Panel on Commodity Standards (TPCS): 09-13 June, Auckland New Zealand and December 2025.
- [10] For more information about the SC please visit: <https://www.ippc.int/en/commission/standards-committee/>

4. Consultation period 2025

- [11] The following drafts were approved by the SC and SC-7 for the 2025 consultation period².

[12] **Consultation period on draft Specifications (01 July to 30 September, 90 days)**

- Annex Remote audits to ISPM 47 (Audit in the phytosanitary context) - Priority 1
- Revision of ISPM 12 (Phytosanitary certificates) - Priority 1
- Revision of ISPM 23 (Guidelines for inspection) - Priority 2

[13] **First consultation 2025 (01 July- 30 September. 90 days consultation period):**

(1) Draft ISPMs:

- International movement of fresh taro (*Colocasia esculenta*) for consumption (2023-023)
- International movement of fresh banana (*Musa paradisiaca*) fruit (2023-028)

[14] **Second consultation 2025 (01 July – 30 September. 90 days consultation period):**

(1) Draft ISPMs:

- Draft revision of ISPM 26 (Establishment and maintenance of pest free areas for fruit flies (Tephritidae)) (2021-010);
- Draft annex Field inspection (2021-018) to ISPM 23 (Guidelines for inspection).

(2) Draft Phytosanitary Treatments (PTs):

- Draft annex to ISPM 28: Irradiation treatment for *Pseudococcus baliteus* (2023-033)

5. Planned meetings for 2025

[15] **Other meetings:**

- IPPC 2025 Call for Topics Standards and Implementation Webinar (done on 18 June 2025)

¹ Technical Panels: <https://www.ippc.int/en/commission/standards-committee/technical-panels/>

² Current consultations for draft ISPMs: <https://www.ippc.int/en/commission/cpm/consultations/member-consultation-draft-ispms/>

- [Link to the ongoing call for topics](#)
 - [Link to the ongoing call for phytosanitary treatments](#)
- 2025 Consultation OCS Training (done on 09 July 2025)
- Focus Group on Safe Provisions of Food and other Humanitarian Aid (23-27 June 2025 in Nairobi, Kenya)
- Sea Containers workshop (09-10 October 2025)
- IPPC Global Workshop on Systems Approaches (01-05 December 2025, in Santiago, Chile)

6. Activities with the IPPC various bodies

[16] The SSU is actively contributing to the overall coordination and organization of the 2025 IPPC Regional Workshops and 2025 IPPC Call for Topics.

[17] The SSU is involved facilitating the work of the following CPM focus groups:

- CPM Focus Group on the Safe Provision of Food and other Humanitarian Aid.
- CPM Focus Group on Sea Containers.
- CPM Focus Group on Laboratory Diagnostic Networking.

[18] Finally, SSU continues to follow the work of the various IC Sub-groups (including the Observatory) and the development of the guides and training materials.

7. External cooperation

[19] Some SSU staff, on behalf of the secretariat, conduct continuous liaison activities with UN organizations, international organizations, industries, NGOs, and academia. The list of current partners with whom SSU staff work is available on the External cooperation³ International Phytosanitary Portal (IPP) web page.

8. Recommendations to the Bureau

[20] The TC-RPPO is invited to:

- (1) *note* the update from the SSU and the SC.

³ External Cooperation: <https://www.ippc.int/en/core-activities/external-cooperation/>