



COMMISSION ON PHYTOSANITARY MEASURES

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CONCEPT NOTE FOR A JOINT IPPC/APPPC GLOBAL WORKSHOP ON COMMODITY STANDARDS

AGENDA ITEM 13.2

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1. Summary

- [1] Asia and Pacific Plant Protection Commission (APPPC) proposes that the Commission on Phytosanitary Measures (CPM) endorse and collaborate on a joint IPPC/APPPC global workshop on commodity standards in June 2027, and convened in an APPPC member country in Asia.
- [2] The proposed workshop will accelerate coherent, practical uptake of ISPM 46: *Commodity-specific standards for phytosanitary measures* and its annexes, strengthen contracting parties' engagement with the Technical Panel on Commodity Standards (TPCS), and consolidate IPPC's leadership in the development and implementation of commodity standards.
- [3] To date, Republic of Korea has contributed 100,000 USD to the IPPC multi donor trust fund (MDTF) and is willing to earmark this fund to support the global workshop on commodity standards. New Zealand is committed, in principle, to contribute 100,000 NZD to support the proposed global workshop. APPPC has approved 50,000 USD in its biennial work plan which can be re-allocated to the global workshop.
- [4] Support from contracting parties in the planning and delivery of this workshop will be vital to its success. The establishment of an organizing committee to enable this should be considered.
- [5] A concept note has been developed (Appendix 1) for CPM consideration.

2. Background

- [6] ISPM 46: *Commodity-specific standards for phytosanitary measures* (adopted in 2022) sets the framework for commodity-specific standards that list pests associated with a given commodity and outline options for phytosanitary measures.
- [7] The Technical Panel on Commodity Standards (TPCS) was established in 2022 to develop commodity-specific standards with scientific rigor and coherence across commodities, in line with IPPC strategic objectives.
- [8] Six commodity annexes have been developed to date: mango (adopted), banana, taro (under consultation), citrus, bean seed, apple (to be consulted subject to SC approval).
- [9] The CPM programme has continued to elevate commodity standards, including CPM-19 (2025) adoption of the mango annex and CPM-20 (2026) side sessions on "navigating new frontiers" in commodity standards - signaling momentum and strong demand for implementation support.

[10] APPPC's 2025–2026 work plan included a regional workshop on commodity standards in June 2026. Following consultations with the APPPC Advisory Group and APPPC and IPPC Secretariats, APPPC members have agreed to elevate the regional activity to a joint IPPC/APPPC global workshop in June 2027 and to seek CPM approval accordingly.

3. Recommendations

[11] The CPM is *invited* to:

- (1) *note* APPPC contracting parties' agreement to elevate the planned 2026 regional activity to a joint IPPC/APPPC global workshop in June 2027;
- (2) *endorse* convening the joint IPPC/APPPC global workshop on commodity standards in June 2027 and request the IPPC Secretariat, in collaboration with APPPC, to establish an Organizing Committee under the oversight of the CPM Bureau; and
- (3) *request* the Secretariat and TPCS to evaluate how the workshop output may be used to inform the commodity standards work programme.

Appendix 1: Concept note for a joint IPPC/APPPC global workshop on commodity standards

CONCEPT NOTE **IPPC/APPPC Global Workshop on Commodity Standards** **Proposed Dates: June 2027** **Proposed Location: Asia**

Organizers

- [1] IPPC Secretariat, APPPC Secretariat and Advisory Group, Standards Setting Unit in collaboration with the Technical Panel on Commodity Standards (TPCS)

Purpose

- [2] The workshop will provide an in-depth global forum designed to build a common understanding of ISPM 46 and its annexes, including the fundamental concepts, principles, and structure of commodity standards. It will also strengthen participants' practical capacity to contribute to the development and implementation of these standards, while supporting alignment of regional and global efforts under IPPC governance. In addition, the workshop will provide an opportunity for contracting parties and regions to share their experiences in the use and implementation of both international and regional commodity standards, and to discuss the challenges, concerns and practical issues encountered in commodity standards development and implementation.

Background

- [3] The rapid growth of international trade in plant commodities presents significant opportunities for economic development but also increases the risk of spreading plant pests. In response, the IPPC Strategic Framework 2020–2030 identifies the development of commodity-specific International Standards for Phytosanitary Measures (ISPMs) as a major development agenda item.
- [4] ISPM 46 *Commodity-specific standards for phytosanitary measures*, adopted in 2022, establishes the overarching structure, principles and methodological basis for these next-generation IPPC standards, providing harmonized, technically justified guidance for national plant protection organizations (NPPOs) on pests associated with specific commodities and corresponding phytosanitary measure options.
- [5] Over recent years, the Technical Panel on Commodity Standards (TPCS) has advanced work on multiple commodity standards such as mango, citrus, taro, banana, bean seeds and apple. Through this work, new knowledge, methodologies and common challenges have emerged, including developing exclusion criteria for pests and measures, managing information submissions, addressing contaminating pests and systems approaches, and ensuring consistency across commodity standards.
- [6] The CPM programme has continued to elevate commodity standards at the global level, with CPM-19 (2025) adoption of mango annex and CPM-20 (2026) side sessions on “navigating new frontiers” in commodity standards, reflecting strong momentum and growing demand for implementation support.
- [7] In this context and following consultations with the APPPC Advisory Group, APPPC and IPPC Secretariats, APPPC contracting parties have agreed to elevate the original planned 2026 APPPC regional workshop on commodity standards to a joint IPPC/APPPC global workshop in June 2027.
- [8] A global workshop will enable broad participation and create global impact, strengthen technical understanding, enhance implementation capacity, and improve global engagement in commodity standards setting and implementation process.

Objectives

[12] The workshop aims to:

1. Strengthen understanding and use of ISPM 46 and its annexes among NPPOs and RPPOs, including foundational principles and how they can benefit contracting parties, how to interpret commodity annexes, e.g. tables of pests associated with the commodity and options for phytosanitary measures.
2. Improve understanding of TPCS working procedures, including pest-commodity association, exclusion criteria and the evaluation of phytosanitary measures.
3. Improve quality, uptake and consistency of commodity standards by enhancing contracting parties' capacity to:
 - a. submit new topics,
 - b. submit high-quality technical and evidence packages on pests and measures,
 - c. participate effectively in consultations, and
 - d. nominate experts to support the TPCS development of commodity standards.
4. Share experiences on implementing commodity standards including the challenges and opportunities experienced.
5. Identify future commodities of global importance for possible inclusion in the IPPC work programme.

Target Audience

[13] The workshop is intended for:

1. NPPO officials, particularly those responsible for import regulation, export certification, PRA and market access.
2. Regional plant protection organizations (RPPOs) responsible for regional standard-setting.
3. Commodity experts and researchers supporting pest risk analysis and phytosanitary measure design.
4. IPPC stewards, TPCS members and SC members.

Roles and Responsibilities

[14] An organizing committee should be established, under the oversight of the CPM Bureau. The organizing committee will be composed of donor NPPOs (e.g. New Zealand and RoK), the IPPC Secretariat, a CPM Bureau representative, the host country, and the APPPC as the host RPPO.

[15] Any additional contracting party that may have an interest in this topic can join the organizing committee, at the discretion of the IPPC/APPPC secretariats and CPM Bureau.

[16] The main tasks of the organizing committee would be to

- Oversee the overall coordination of the IPPC/APPPC workshop on commodity standards;
- Develop a comprehensive workshop programme, including sessions, presentations, and interactive activities;
- Identify and secure expert speakers and facilitators;
- Determine the workshop's format (e.g., presentations, panel discussions, group work, field visit); and
- Document the workshop including presentations, discussions, and main outcomes, and prepare a report back to CPM-22 in 2028.

[17] The organizing committee will also be responsible for logistical coordination including:

- Venue selection and management;
- Participant management such as registration, invitations, and communications;
- Arranging travel and accommodation for speakers and participants, as necessary;

- Financial management; and
- Communication and outreach by promoting the workshop (via brochures, websites, and social media) and inviting relevant organizations and individuals to participate.

Financial Support

[18] The IPPC/APPPC Secretariats will determine whether financial assistance will be available to support participants from eligible NPPOs. Financial support may be provided by donors to the IPPC and APPPC MDTFs.

[19] Financial support has already been committed by APPPC, Republic of Korea and New Zealand.

Minimum Host Country Commitments and IPPC Secretariat Support

[20] To support clear expectations during discussions with the Secretariats and at CPM, it is suggested that the following minimum commitments may be required from the host country:

- Arranging suitable venue, meeting rooms and breakout rooms, including all necessary audio-visual and technical support;
- Arranging on-site logistical support staff for the duration of the workshop;
- Arranging refreshments for participants during scheduled breaks;
- Supporting personalized invitation letters for participants, including those requiring visas; and
- Facilitating visa application process, where applicable, in coordination with national authorities.

[21] These minimum commitments from the host help ensure a smooth participant experience and are consistent with expectations for similar IPPC global workshops.

[22] It is expected that the IPPC Secretary takes into account the level of in-kind resource being offered by the host country and RPPO when deciding the size of the secretariat delegation and that they only need to provide staff for roles where in-kind expertise is lacking.

Expected Outcomes

[23] Participants will:

1. Gain a comprehensive understanding of ISPM 46 and how it underpins all commodity standards.
2. Understand the benefits, principles and boundaries of commodity standards, including national sovereignty.
3. Understand how pest-commodity association and technical justification are evaluated and propose improvement based on technical justification.
4. Learn how to prepare and submit high-quality information materials, including pest lists and measure proposals.
5. Provide feedback to the IPPC Secretariat and TPCS to shape and improve future work, including priorities for new commodity standards.

Draft Programme

Duration	Topic	Proposed Speakers
DAY 1		
	Opening session: Welcome, objectives and workshop overview	IPPC/APPPC Secretaries or Secretariat Representatives/Host NPPO
	Presentation: ISPM 46 deep dive <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • scope, structure, principles and obligations • understanding “intended use”, pest association and scope boundaries 	IPPC/TPCS

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> benefits of commodity standards for NPPOs, RPPOs and industry National sovereignty: what CSs do not do How CSs can simplify and support market access 	
	Presentation: From concept to annex: how a commodity standard is developed, consulted, adopted and kept current	IPPC SC
	Presentation: Demystify the Technical Panel on Commodity Standards: their role, mandate and procedures and how they create commodity standards.	TPCS
	Presentation: Experience from a pioneer: APPPC experiences with developing and implementing commodity standard RSPMs including APPPC mango RSPM.	APPPC SC
	Group discussion and Q&A	
DAY 2		
	Keynote: Global trends in trade and phytosanitary risk management	TBD
	Case studies: applying commodity standards (challenges and opportunities) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> exporter and importer perspectives developing and developed CP perspectives producer perspectives, recognising that pre-planting and pre-harvest measures are critical components of systems approaches, particularly for fresh fruit production and other commodities where field-level practices form essential elements of the export continuum comparative analysis of systems approach measures across commodity types (e.g. fresh fruit vs. field crops such as beans) to highlight differences in risk profiles, measure selection, and verification approaches 	All participants
	Group discussion: challenges and opportunities <ul style="list-style-type: none"> participation of contracting parties in provision of technically justified and transparent information evaluation of associated pests-host association evaluation of phytosanitary measure options 	All
	Group activity: Interpreting a commodity annex: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> applying it to import decision-making evaluating proposals for equivalence of measures 	
DAY 3		
	Panel discussion: developing high quality commodity standards with scientific rigor <ul style="list-style-type: none"> verifying evidence and working with submitters managing contamination, viruses and diversion from intended use systems approaches: how they are evaluated and incorporated into commodity standards 	TPCS/all participants
	Presentation and group discussion: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Preparing high quality submissions using the template spreadsheet common pitfalls and how to avoid them expectations for measure detail, treatment schedules referencing 	TPCS
	Presentation: building the pipeline <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Upcoming work programme: expected CSs for consultation Planning national and regional engagement 	IPPC Secretariat

	Case study and Group discussion <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Use and implementation of CS • Challenges of implementing CS 	
	Group discussion: how can CS be improved?	
DAY 4		
	Field trip (e.g. commodity production, post-harvest practices and treatment facility)	
DAY 5		
	Group discussion: comparing information from the field trip to commodity standards and import regulations	
	Discussion and recommendations for future commodity standard subjects	
	Recommendation to CPM-22 and next steps	
	Closing session: summary, evaluation and next steps	IPPC/APPPC/Host