



COMMISSION ON PHYTOSANITARY MEASURES

TWENTIETH SESSION

CPM REPORT, HOW SOON CAN WE MEET?

AGENDA ITEMS 7 AND 24

(Prepared by the EU)

1. Background

- [1] On the last day of each CPM, the draft report (usually in two parts) of the session is made available on the IPP for contracting parties to verify before the report is adopted in Plenary.
- [2] That verification usually leads to corrections/changes in the report before adoption.
- [3] However, it takes at least two months after the CPM session for the final report to be published (see table below).
- [4] CPM Session CPM Dates Date of publication of CPM report
 - CPM-19 (2025) 17 - 21 March 6 June 2025
 - CPM-18 (2024) 15 - 19 April 16 July 2024
 - CPM-17 (2023) 27 - 31 March 9 August 2023
- [5] We believe one factor contributing to delay in publication is the translation into all FAO languages.

2. Consequences of the delay

- [6] During this period of waiting for the publication of the final report, the only available CPM report on the IPP is the draft report before adoption. As certain elements of the draft report are usually erroneous, it may be misleading to an interested party who did not follow the CPM session.

3. Way Forward

- [7] The draft adopted report containing all the track changes made before adoption could be published on the IPP with a disclaimer to indicate that the official publication of the final report will be made subsequently;
 - Consider the use of more than one copy editor;
 - Consider the publication of the English language version of the report before those in other FAO languages to minimize delay in the publication