



COMMISSION ON PHYTOSANITARY MEASURES

TWENTIETH SESSION

IPPC EPHYTO SOLUTION CHANGE MANAGEMENT DELEGATION OF AUTHORITY REVISION

AGENDA ITEM 13.1.2

(Prepared by the IPPC Secretariat in collaboration with the CPM Bureau)

- [1] In relation to CPM 2026/12 Agenda item 13.1.2 on the IPPC ePhyto Solution Change Management and enhancements proposals. Reflecting paper CPM 2026/INF/35 and the additional discussions during the plenary session and Friends of the Chair meetings, the following detailed change decision-making authority table is defined to override the existing Table 1 in the reference paper.

Change Type	Description	ESG ¹	Bureau	CPM
Maintenance	Maintenance changes required for the correct functioning of the solution, such as: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Application defects • Security measures • Configuration changes supporting country implementation, interoperability, and adoption 	ESG approve within ePhyto work programme budget	Bureau approval required if ePhyto work programme budget may be exceeded	CPM approval needed if required maintenance cannot be achieved within total CPM approved annual work programme budget.
Improvement	Improvements of functionalities and technology that would not impact service delivery and usability of the solution, such as: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Application functionality enrichment • Data harmonization improvements • Other moderate improvement of existing functionality 	ESG approve within ePhyto work programme budget	Bureau approval required if ePhyto work programme budget may be exceeded	CPM approval needed if required maintenance cannot be achieved within total CPM approved annual work programme budget.
Development	Enhancements to technology and functionalities with an impact on service delivery or usability of the solution that require countries to undertake implementation activities to adopt the changes, such as: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Change in technology affecting the use of the solution • New features that would require adoption, and/or potentially impact the overall service cost or delivery 	ESG recommends change to Bureau	Bureau may endorse.	CPM approval needed. Implementation of change subject prioritisation process and budget being secured

¹ The references to the ePhyto Steering Group (ESG), as the current main ePhyto governance body, will be equally applied to any new governance body taking over the current role of the ESG.

- [2] Any change that introduces, enables, or materially alters a channel, interface, data exchange mechanism, or directly links to systems operated by non-contracting parties—including but not limited to industry platforms, SPS standard setting bodies, or other external entities—must be submitted for review and approval by the CPM.

Recommendations

- [3] The CPM is *invited* to:

- (1) *agree* on the additional clarification overriding the delegation of authority defined in paper CPM 2026/12.