

Statements of COSAVE countries on some CPM-20 agenda items

Agenda item 11 “Adoption of International Standards for Phytosanitary Measures” Revision of ISPM 26 (Establishment and maintenance of PFA for fruit flies (Tephritidae)) (2021-010) (CPM 2026/10_01)

COSAVE and its member countries do not object the adoption of the ISPM but presented a technical improvement to the text, in line with that decided by CPM-19 (2025), questioning the inclusion of definitions of some terms in the new version of ISPM 26 submitted for adoption, primarily “fruit fly pest free area FF-PFA”, to be included in the standard to be adopted by the CMF.

Agenda Item 13.2 “Commodity and Pathway Specific ISPMs” (CPM 2026/14)

A commodity standard, based on scientific methods and evidence, provides the basis for developing technically justified phytosanitary import requirements, thereby facilitating safe and efficient trade, to the benefit of all contracting parties. COSAVE and its member countries support the Standards Committee’s decision, which recognizes the TPCS’s technical authority to assess the association of each pest with its pathway before including it in the draft standard. However, we express concern that pests with low mobility (with a low natural capacity for transmission to a suitable host) and pests whose association with the pathway has a high degree of uncertainty continue to appear in the ISPM 46 annexes.

Thus, if there is no consensus for the inclusion of a particular pest, it should be excluded. An extensive list that includes controversial pests is less beneficial for international trade than a reduced, consensus-based list, in which countries incorporate pests based on their appropriate levels of protection as they develop their own PRAs.

Agenda Item 18.1 “Global Workshop on Systems Approaches” (CPM 2026/37)

COSAVE and its member countries wish to reiterate their gratitude to the IPPC Secretariat for organizing, in collaboration with SAG, IICA, and COSAVE, the landmark workshop held in Santiago, Chile, from December 1 to 5, 2025. The success of this workshop demonstrates that by joining forces and working together, we can better

achieve our objectives. We wish to express our appreciation and look forward to further strengthening this valuable collaboration.

According to the preliminary results of the IPPC Global Workshop on Systems Approaches, several areas of ISPM 14 may require review, clarification, or strengthening to improve their usefulness and consistency with the systems approach. In another document submitted by COSAVE and its member countries some of the points identified for review in ISPM 14 are described, should a revision proceed.

However, in decision point 3 of document CPM 2026/37, the Standards Committee is invited to "evaluate the need to revise the definitions related to systems approaches and ISPM 14, in line with related ISPMs, taking into account the technical gaps identified during the workshop."

Taking into account the results of the aforementioned Workshop, COSAVE and its member countries understand that rather than simply revising definitions related to systems approaches, a complete review of ISPM 14 was recommended. Therefore, COSAVE and its member countries suggest modifying points 2 and 3 of decision in document CPM 2026/37 as follows:

(3) invite the Standards Committee (SC) to assess the need for a review of the ~~definitions related to systems approaches and~~ ISPM 14, in alignment with related ISPMs, taking into account the technical gaps identified during the workshop.

(4) encourage contracting parties and RPPOs to utilize the ongoing IPPC Call for Topics to submit the revision of ISPM 14 as a topic ~~specific proposals related to the improvement of systems approach standards~~, if deemed necessary.