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#Planthealth for food security, environmental protection
and safe trade

The IPPC Standard Setting Process: an overview

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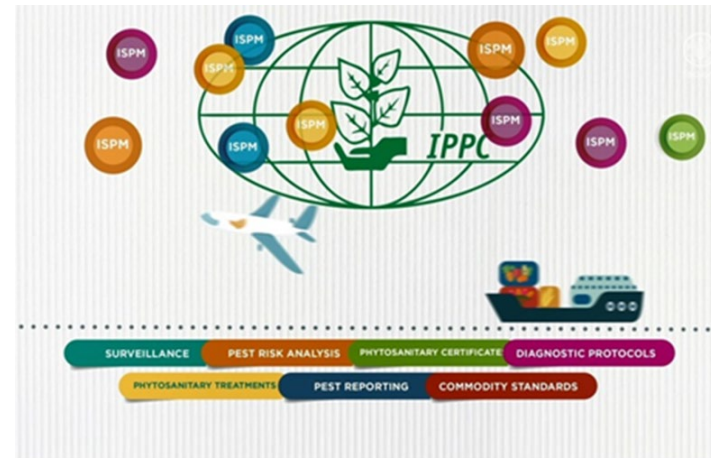


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Standard Setting Procedure



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Why set international standards?



The aim of international standards is to harmonize phytosanitary measures.



Contracting parties have **access to a same, level playing field** upon which **all** can safely trade plants and plant products.



Facilitate **safe international trade**, protect the **environment** and ensure **food security**.



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Phytosanitary measures must follow key principles



- Applied only when necessary
- Technically justified
- No more restrictive than necessary
- Transparent
- Non-discriminatory, including recognition of equivalence

ISPM 1 - *Phytosanitary principles for the protection of plants and the application of phytosanitary measures in international trade* (adopted in 1993, revised in 2006)



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The IPPC standards: International Standards on Phytosanitary Measures (ISPMs)

KEY POINTS



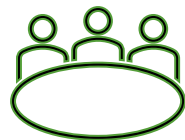
Subject matter **experts** develop ISPMs



The development of ISPMs are under the oversight of the **Standards Committee**



Undergo **technical review** during consultation period(s)



The Commission on Phytosanitary Measures (**CPM**) **adopts ISPMs**



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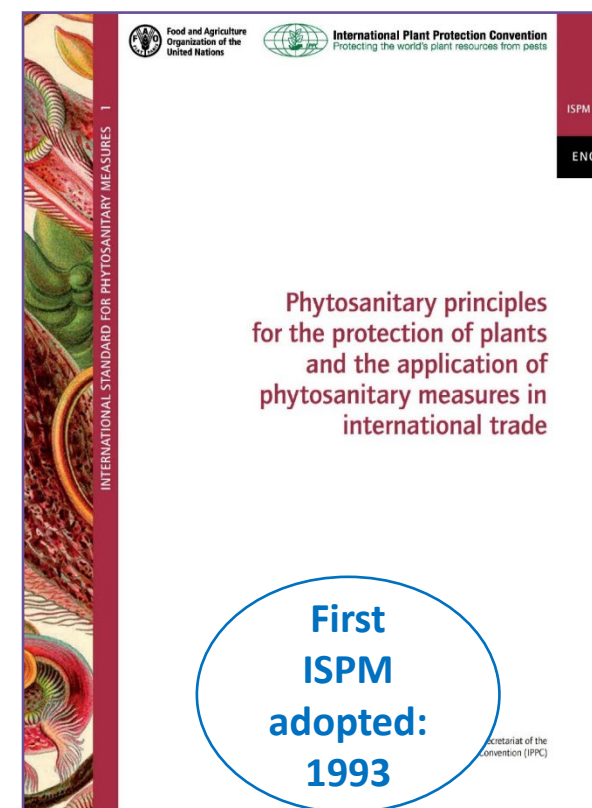
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ISPMs: The framework for phytosanitary systems and operations

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International Standards for Phytosanitary Measures (ISPMs)

pest surveillance

phytosanitary certificates

pest free areas

glossary terms

pest reporting

pest risk analysis

export certification

diagnostic protocols

audit in the phytosanitary context

phytosanitary treatments

wood packaging material

commodity-specific standards

international movement of seeds

international movement of wood



CPM Recommendations

HTS technologies

E-commerce

Sea Containers

Safe provisions of humanitarian aid

IPPC coverage of aquatic
plants

Threats to biodiversity posed by
alien species



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How is the IPPC standard setting process?

Standards Committee (SC)



Consists of 25 members from each of the seven FAO regions



Oversees the IPPC Standard Setting Process



Manages the development of ISPMs



Provides guidance and oversight to the work of Expert Drafting Groups (EWG & TPs)



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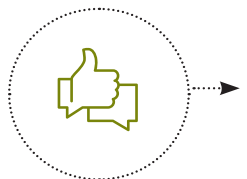
List of topics

(Stage 1)



Drafting standards

(Stage 2)



Consultation and review

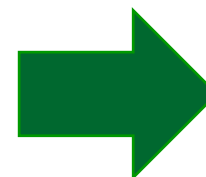
(Stage 3)



Adopting and publication

(Stage 4)

~ 6-8 years



✓ **T**ransparent process

✓ **I**nclusive process

✓ **P**articipatory - all
contracting parties can
participate in all steps



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List of topics (LOT)

(Stage 1)

CPs and RPPOs
Submit topics

SC

Reviews topics submitted
Recommend priorities and
submit to CPM

CPM

Reviews, changes and
adopts List of topics
(LOT) for IPPC standards

**Call for topics:
Currently on-
going (Temporary
trial.)**

**To submit the topics
for ISPMs**

✓ **Draft specification**

✓ **Literature review**

✓ **Justification**

**SC and CPM
review LOT
annually**



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**Drafting
standards**

(Stage 2)

**Development of
a specification**

SC

Assigns a lead Steward and assistant(s) for each topic
Reviews draft Specification
Approves draft Specification for consultation period

IPPC
Secretariat

Makes draft Specification publicly available
Solicits comments through [Online Comment System](#) (OCS) **90 days**
Comments received: compiles → makes publicly available → submits to
Steward and to SC for consideration

SC

Revises and approves Specification

IPPC
Secretariat

Makes Specification publicly available



Drafting standards

(Stage 2)

Preparation of a draft ISPM

IPPC
Secretariat

Issues call for experts – Nominations for EWG or TP members from NPPOs and RPPOs

Expert
Drafting
Group (EDG)
(EWG or TP)

Drafts or revises draft ISPM in accordance with Specification

SC

Reviews draft ISPM at the meetings (for DP or PT, electronically)

Decides:

- to approve the ISPM for consultation
- to return it to Steward or EDG or
- to put it on hold



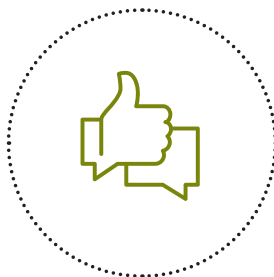
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**Consultation
and review**

(Stage 3)

**IPPC
Secretariat**

Draft ISPM approved by SC for 1st consultation → makes publicly available

Solicits comments through the Online Comment System (OCS)

Compiles comments and makes publicly available → submits to Steward for consideration

Steward

Reviews and prepares responses to comments + revises draft ISPM → submits to IPPC Secretariat

SC-7

**First/Second
consultation
- 90 days**

Records responses to major issues in SC-7 meeting report

Approves draft ISPM for 2nd consultation

**IPPC
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Draft ISPM approved by SC-7 for 2nd consultation → makes publicly available



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Adopting and publication

(Stage 4)

SC

recommends
draft ISPM to CPM
for adoption

Draft ISPM posted on
webpage of **CPM session**

If **CP** does not support adoption
of draft ISPM → **OBJECTION**
(up to 3 weeks before CPM
session)

**See CPM
2026/INF/11**



To submit an
objection

✓ Technical justification

✓ Suggestions for improvement

If no objection,
CPM adopts ISPMs
without discussion



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Adopting and publication

(Stage 4)



Adopted ISPM, PT or DP is made publicly available

Publication of an ISPM

CPs and RPPOs may form a **Language Review Group (LRG)** → proposes adjustments*
to translations of adopted ISPMs

*These adjustments are noted at next CPM session



SC to CPM-20: ISPMs for adoption

(Agenda Item 11)

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

Three draft annexes to ISPM 28:

- Draft annex to ISPM 28 (*Phytosanitary treatments for regulated pests*): Irradiation treatment for *Planococcus lilacinus* (2023-035);
- Draft annex to ISPM 28: Irradiation treatment for *Paracoccus marginatus* (2023-034); and
- Draft annex to ISPM 28: Irradiation treatment for *Pseudococcus baliteus* (2023-033).



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IPPC Regional Workshops

IPPC Regional Workshops are annual events organised in August-September by IPPC Secretariat in collaboration with FAO, RPPOs and relevant partners to :

Key Objectives

- **Build capacity** for implementation of the IPPC and ISPMs at national and regional levels.
- **Enhance understanding and use** of key IPPC tools and systems (e.g., OCS, ePhyto, PCE).
- **Improve participation and understanding** in standard-setting process.
- **Facilitate exchange of experiences** on emerging pest issues and regional phytosanitary challenges.
- **Support alignment** with global plant health priorities, trade facilitation, and food security.



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2026 IPPC Regional Workshop Venue and Location

When: August–September 2026 | Seven regions | In-person workshops (3–4 days each)

Host countries:

- ☐ Libreville, **Gabon**(Africa)
- ☐ Gimcheon, **Republic of Korea** (Asia)
- ☐ Location to be confirmed (Caribbean)
- ☐ Tashkent, **Uzbekistan** (Europe and Central Asia)
- ☐ Lima, **Peru** (Latin America)
- ☐ Location to be confirmed (Near East and North Africa)
- ☐ Tentative- **Fiji, New Caledonia, or Cook Islands** (Southwest Pacific)



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Thank you

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