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## Commodity Standards - The IPPC Standard Setting Process in Commodity Standards

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## IPPC International Standards for Phytosanitary Measures (ISPMs)

- **Reference standards:** i.e. ISPM 5 (Glossary)
- **Specific standards:** i.e. ISPM 8 (Determination of pest status in an area)
- **Phytosanitary treatments:** ISPM 28
- **Diagnostic protocols:** ISPM 27
- **Conceptual Standards:** i.e. ISPM 2 (Framework for PRA)
- **Commodity specific standards:** ISPM 46, **new concept**

## ISPM 46: The overarching standard for Commodity-specific ISPMs



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ISPM 46

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Commodity-specific  
standards for  
phytosanitary measures



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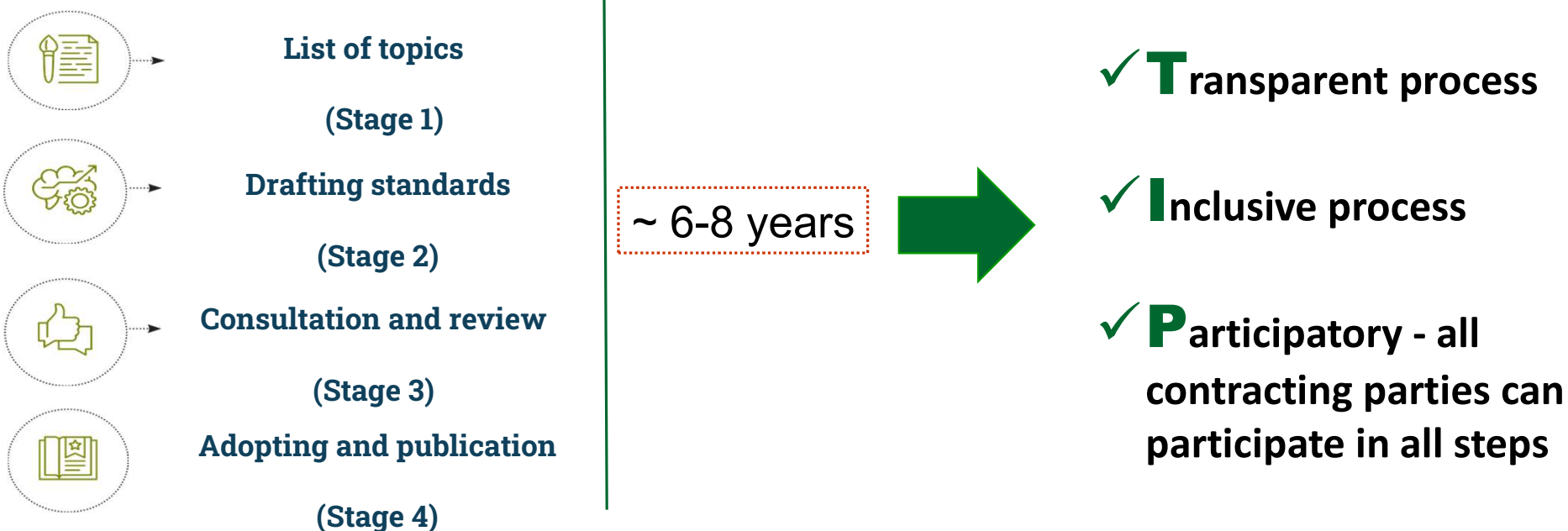


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## The IPPC Standard Setting Procedure: how does it work?



This same general framework applies to all ISPMs, with some specific differences in the process, including for Commodity Standards.



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## The IPPC Standard Setting Process for Commodity Standards



**List of topics (LOT)**

(Stage 1)

**NPPOs and  
RPPOs**

Submit topics for  
commodity  
standards  
subjects

**TPCS**

Reviews topics submitted  
Recommends priorities

**SC**

Reviews TPCS inputs and  
submit proposals to CPM

**CPM**

Reviews, changes and  
adopts List of topics  
(LOT)

**IPPC Call for Topics  
(currently ongoing,  
temporary trial)**

**To submit the topics  
for Commodity  
Standards**

✓ **Submission form**

✓ **Information Material  
form**

**How can you  
contribute?**



Submit topic proposals  
for Commodity  
Standards through the  
IPPC Call for Topics





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## The IPPC Standard Setting Process for Commodity Standards



### Drafting Commodity standards

(Stage 2)

IPPC Secretariat

Issues a Call for Information Material

The steward of a specific  
CS (SC Member)

Prepares a first draft of the Standard based on the information  
material received and in line with ISPM 46

The Technical Panel  
on Commodity  
Standards (TPCS)

Revises the draft (pest list and options for phytosanitary measures)

SC

Reviews draft CS and decides:

- to approve the CS for consultation
- to return it to Steward or TPCS or
- to put it on hold



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## The IPPC Standard Setting Process for Commodity Standards



### Drafting Commodity standards

(Stage 2)

- The IPPC Secretariat launches a **Call for Information Material** on the IPP before drafting each commodity standard
- Submissions are made using a detailed Excel template with specific fields for data and references
- Commodity Standards are based entirely on information provided by Contracting Parties
- **Active participation** in these calls is essential to develop accurate and robust Commodity Standards

How can you  
contribute? 

Submit commodity-  
specific information  
through the **IPPC Calls  
for Information  
Material**



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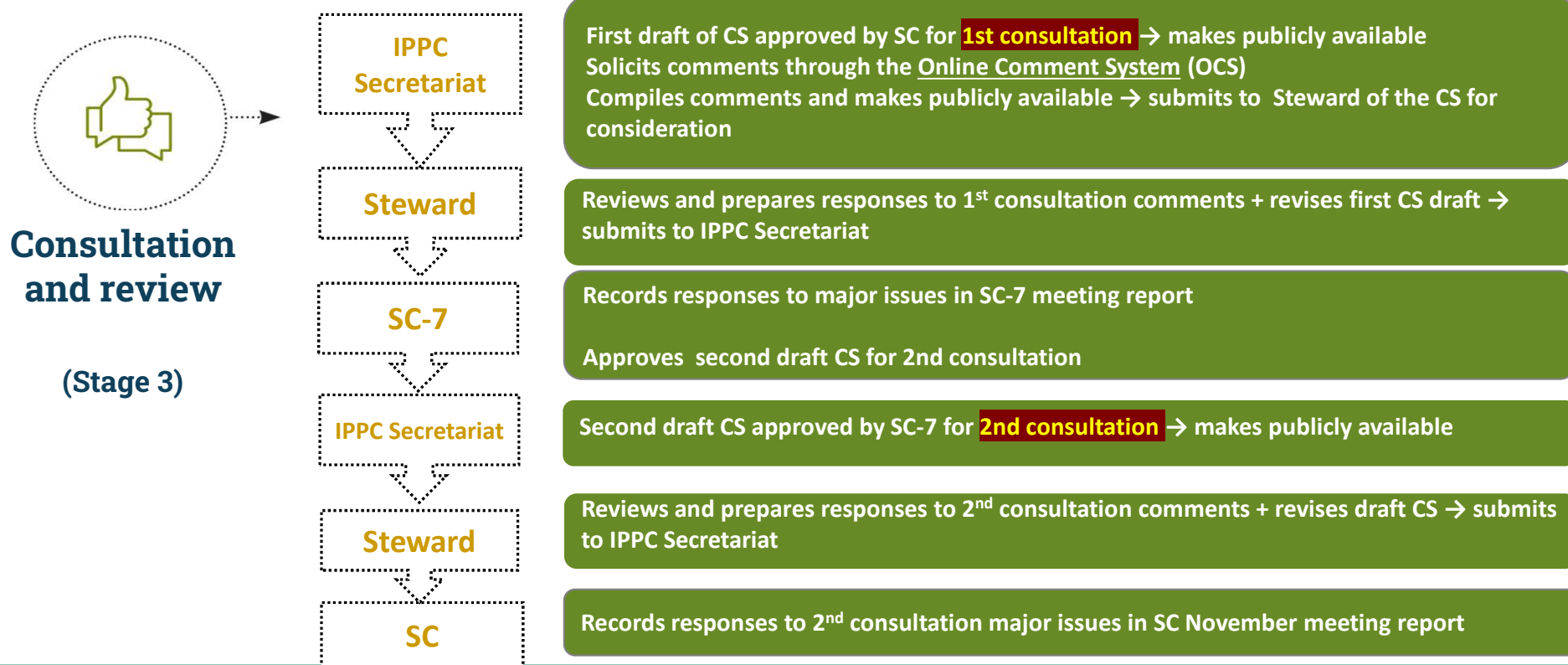


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## The IPPC Standard Setting Process for Commodity Standards



**Consultation  
and review**  
(Stage 3)

**How can you  
contribute?**



Actively participate to the  
IPPC Consultation Periods  
by reviewing the draft  
commodity standards and  
**submitting your  
comments**

- First and Second consultation lasts for **90 days** from **1 July to 30 Sept**
- NPPOs and RPPOs can submit comments through Online Commenting System (**OCS**)
- IPPC trainings on OCS

Welcome to the IPPC Online Comment System (OCS)!

The IPPC OCS resource page is available [here](#). The PleaseReview Help page is available [here](#).

Draft ISPMs currently under consultation are available for your download [here](#).

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## Adopting and publication

(Stage 4)

### How can you contribute?



You can participate in the **Objection Period** by submitting objections to the adoption of Commodity Standards. This is an opportunity to raise any **remaining concerns** before the CSs are adopted.



To submit an  
objection

✓ Technical justification

✓ Suggestions for improvement

If no  
objection,  
CPM adopts  
CSs without  
discussion

## The IPPC Standard Setting Process for Commodity Standards

SC recommends  
draft CS to CPM for  
adoption

Draft CS posted on  
webpage of CPM session

If CPs do not support adoption  
of draft CS → **OBJECTION**  
(up to 3 weeks before CPM  
session)



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## Take-home messages



**NPPOs and RPPOs play a key role:** propose topics, submit technical information, provide comments, nominate experts to the TPCS and participate in IPPC Regional Workshops;



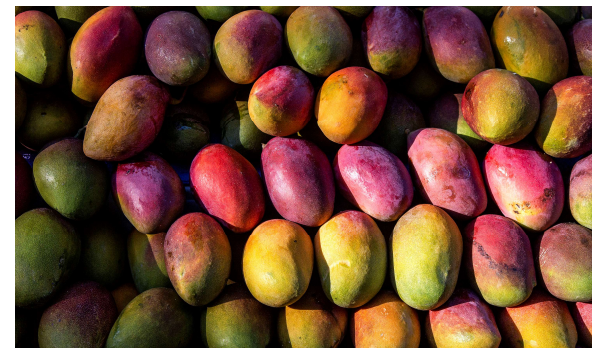
Active participation especially **during early stages** is highly encouraged;



Clear and **technically justified information** = Robust and accurate Commodity Standards;



More countries contributing = Commodity Standards that reflect the **real global picture**.



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# Thank you

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