



Food and Agriculture
Organization of the
United Nations



International
Plant Protection
Convention

REPORT

2020 IPPC REGIONAL WORKSHOP FOR EUROPE AND CENTRAL ASIA (ECA)

**Virtual Meeting
31 August & 1 September 2020**



The designations employed and the presentation of material in this information product do not imply the expression of any opinion whatsoever on the part of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO) concerning the legal or development status of any country, territory, city or area or of its authorities, or concerning the delimitation of its frontiers or boundaries. The mention of specific companies or products of manufacturers, whether or not these have been patented, does not imply that these have been endorsed or recommended by FAO in preference to others of a similar nature that are not mentioned.

The views expressed in this information product are those of the author(s) and do not necessarily reflect the views or policies of FAO.

© FAO, [2020]



Some rights reserved. This work is made available under the Creative Commons Attribution-NonCommercial-ShareAlike 3.0 IGO licence (CC BY-NC-SA 3.0 IGO; <https://creativecommons.org/licenses/by-nc-sa/3.0/igo/legalcode/legalcode>).

Under the terms of this licence, this work may be copied, redistributed and adapted for non-commercial purposes, provided that the work is appropriately cited. In any use of this work, there should be no suggestion that FAO endorses any specific organization, products or services. The use of the FAO logo is not permitted. If the work is adapted, then it must be licensed under the same or equivalent Creative Commons licence. If a translation of this work is created, it must include the following disclaimer along with the required citation: “This translation was not created by the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO). FAO is not responsible for the content or accuracy of this translation. The original English edition shall be the authoritative edition.

Disputes arising under the licence that cannot be settled amicably will be resolved by mediation and arbitration as described in Article 8 of the licence except as otherwise provided herein. The applicable mediation rules will be the mediation rules of the World Intellectual Property Organization <http://www.wipo.int/amc/en/mediation/rules> and any arbitration will be conducted in accordance with the Arbitration Rules of the United Nations Commission on International Trade Law (UNCITRAL).

Third-party materials. Users wishing to reuse material from this work that is attributed to a third party, such as tables, figures or images, are responsible for determining whether permission is needed for that reuse and for obtaining permission from the copyright holder. The risk of claims resulting from infringement of any third-party-owned component in the work rests solely with the user.

Sales, rights and licensing. FAO information products are available on the FAO website (www.fao.org/publications) and can be purchased through publications-sales@fao.org. Requests for commercial use should be submitted via: www.fao.org/contact-us/licence-request. Queries regarding rights and licensing should be submitted to: copyright@fao.org

Contents

1. Opening of the Meeting.....	4
2. Meeting arrangements	4
3. Administrative matters	4
4. Updates on governance and strategic issues.....	5
4.1 Governance and Strategy (CPM, CPM Bureau)	5
4.2 Update from Standards Committee	5
4.3 Update from Implementation and Capacity Development Committee	5
4.4 Update on the Sea Containers Task Force.....	6
5. Section 1: Discuss the substantive comments on draft standards and recommendations.....	6
5.1 Audit in the phytosanitary context (2015-014)	6
5.2 Focused Revision of ISPM 12 in relation to re-export (2015-011).....	6
5.3 Draft 2020 Amendments to ISPM 5 (Glossary on phytosanitary terms) (1994-001)	7
5.4 Commodity-based standards for phytosanitary measures (2019-008)	8
5.5 Draft CPM Recommendation: Safe provision of food and other aid to prevent the introduction of plant pests during an emergency situation (2018-026)	8
6. Section 2: Implementing and raising awareness in the framework of FAO/RPPOs	8
6.1 Regional FAO phytosanitary capacity development activities – impact of COVID-19 on plant protection in the countries	8
6.2 Regional Plant Protection Organization activities.....	8
7. Section 3: Moving together from ideas to action	9
7.1 International Year of Plant Health legacy	9
7.2 IPPC PFA guide: how to support the implementation of the Convention and ISPMs	9
7.3 Preparation for 2021 Call for Topics: Standards and Implementation.....	10
7.4 e-Phyto	10
7.5 National Reporting Obligations	10
8. Conclusion of the workshop / Date and Venue of the Next Meeting.....	10
9. Online survey of the workshop	11
10. Adoption of the Report.....	11
11. Close of the Meeting	11
Appendix 1: Agenda	12
Appendix 2: Participants List.....	14

REPORT

REGIONAL WORKSHOP OF THE INTERNATIONAL PLANT PROTECTION CONVENTION (IPPC) / FOOD AND AGRICULTURE ORGANIZATION OF THE UNITED NATIONS (FAO) FOR EUROPE AND CENTRAL ASIA 2020

1. Opening of the Meeting

1.1 Welcoming remarks

- [1] Ms Masumi YAMAMOTO, Implementation and Facilitation Officer of the IPPC Secretariat welcomed participants to the IPPC Regional Workshop on behalf of the IPPC Secretariat. She highlighted the three main objectives of the workshop and thanked the organizing committee for their work on the organization of the workshop and all participants for their attendance. Mr Jingyuan Xia, IPPC Secretary thanked all for their active participation and promotion of the International Year of Plant Health (IYPH), through a video message.
- [2] Mr Piotr WLODARCZYK, Agricultural Officer from the FAO Regional Office for Europe and Central Asia (REU) presented opening remarks on behalf of FAO Assistant Director-General of FAO and Regional Representative for Europe and Central Asia, and stressed that it is critical to mitigate the risk of plant pests and protect food security and economic development, particularly during the COVID-19 pandemic. He confirmed that the FAO Regional Office is ready to support countries in this region that are facing phytosanitary challenges.
- [3] Mr Nico HORN, Director-General of the European Mediterranean Plant Protection Organization (EPPO) made opening remarks and welcomed participants to the Regional Workshop on behalf of EPPO. He highlighted the importance of continuing to work together to address issues in plant health, especially during 2020, the International Year of Plant Health. He encouraged participants to actively contribute to the discussions during the Regional Workshop despite the challenges posed by having a virtual meeting this year.

2. Meeting arrangements

2.1 Election of the Chairperson

- [4] Mr Ringolds ARNITIS (Latvia) was elected as Chairperson.

2.2 Election of the Rapporteur

- [5] Ms Khayala DADASHOVA (Azerbaijan) was elected as Rapporteur.

2.3 Adoption of the agenda

- [6] The IPPC Secretariat informed the participants that the draft agenda was sent to all participants by email prior to the meeting. She noted that the draft ISPM related to authorization was not on the agenda this year and that the workshop for this region discussed the topic extensively in previous years. Participants were informed that a webinar, Enhancing the understanding of the concept on authorization of entities to perform phytosanitary actions, will take place on 20 October 2020 and that the invitation and detailed agenda will be sent to all IPPC Official Contact Points.
- [7] Agenda was adopted as presented (Appendix 1).

3. Administrative matters

3.1 Participants list

- [8] The participants list was shared with registered participants prior to the meeting by email and is provided in Appendix 2.

- [9] In addition, participants were informed that the presentation slides for the 2020 IPPC Regional Workshops are available on the IPP¹ and draft ISPMs for consultation are available on the IPP². Russian translations of the draft ISPMs were not provided this year.

4. Updates on governance and strategic issues

4.1 Governance and strategy (CPM, CPM Bureau)

- [10] On behalf of Ms Marica GATT, the CPM Bureau member for Europe who was not able to attend the meeting, the IPPC Secretariat delivered the presentation, which provided an update on governance and strategy with a particular focus on the impact of the pandemic on the functioning of the CPM governing bodies, CPM Bureau decisions and the way forward.

4.2 Update from Standards Committee

- [11] Ms Mariangela CIAMPITTI, Standards Committee member for Europe, provided an update on the activities of the Standards Committee (SC).
- [12] One participant asked why the draft ISPM related to authorization is still being developed and why there are no ISPMs on weeds, cut flowers or fumigation available. An SC member from the region clarified that a standard on fumigation has been adopted (ISPM 43 *Requirements for the use of fumigation as a phytosanitary measure*) and that work to develop an ISPM on cut flowers is pending because of the development of the draft ISPM on commodity-based standards for phytosanitary measures. She recommended that any new topics for standards or for implementation materials be submitted to the IPPC Secretariat during the next Call for Topics, in 2021. She further clarified that the draft ISPM related to authorization was not in consultation this year and is therefore not on the agenda for the workshop. SC had prepared a discussion paper on this draft ISPM for CPM-15 but, since the CPM was postponed, it was not discussed. In order to allow further discussion on concerns relating to this draft ISPM, a webinar³ will be held in October 2020. She invited the participants to attend the webinar and share their viewpoints. The Chair clarified that there would be a presentation on how to develop a proposal for a new topic later in the workshop.
- [13] The EPPO representative noted that three draft specifications were distributed for consultation this year and that the consultation period closed 31 August 2020. He explained that it is difficult to develop the regional position on draft specifications without the opportunity to discuss them during the workshop. He suggested that the IPPC Secretariat consider changing the deadline of future consultations on draft specifications until at least mid-September so that they may be discussed during the regional workshops.
- [14] A participant asked whether the proposed vapour heat-modified atmosphere treatment (draft annex to ISPM 28) would have an impact on the taste of fruit and whether this has been tested in the laboratory. An SC member clarified that treatments are not normally discussed during the workshops but that the EPPO steward agreed with the comment, which will be discussed during the EPPO Panel on Global Phytosanitary Affairs.

4.3 Update from Implementation and Capacity Development Committee

- [15] Ms Olga LAVRENTJEVA, Chairperson and member for Europe of the Implementation and Capacity Development Committee (IC) provided an update on the activities of the IC.

¹ Presentations for 2020 IPPC Regional Workshops are available at: <https://www.ippc.int/en/core-activities/capacity-development/regional-ippc-workshops/2020-ippc-regional-workshop/>

² Draft ISPMs for consultations available at: <https://www.ippc.int/en/core-activities/standards-setting/member-consultation-draft-ispm/>

³ Webinar: Enhancing the understanding of the concept on authorization of entities to perform phytosanitary actions : <https://www.ippc.int/en/events/event/873/>

4.4 Update on the Sea Containers Task Force

- [16] Mr Nico HORN introduced a PowerPoint presentation with voice-over, which provided an update on the activities of the Sea Container Task Force (SCTF). Following the presentation, he apologized for the quality of the sound in English interpretation and recommended that participants who could not hear the English interpretation watch the version that is posted on the IPP⁴. He stressed that this is an important issue for this region and asked for comments and discussion. One participant suggested that the sea containers standard should also address the transit risks of conveyances.

5. Section 1: Discuss the substantive comments on draft standards and recommendations

5.1 Audit in the phytosanitary context (2015-014)

- [17] Mr Álvaro SEPÚLVEDA LUQUE, an SC member for Latin America and the steward of this draft ISPM, presented an overview of the draft standard which was approved by SC for first consultation in 2020. The presentation highlighted general considerations to be taken into account for the audits, and then the steps for the planning and delivery of audits. The participants were invited to consider possible implementation issues, such as the availability of audit guidance tools, auditor training, and legal or regulatory frameworks.
- [18] He clarified that ISPM 20 (*Guidelines for a phytosanitary import regulatory system*) stated that an NPPO may determine whether or not to conduct an audit, confirming that audits are not mandatory. He also explained that the draft audit standard and the draft standard on authorization were closely linked with each other and if the authorization standard is not adopted, then this draft ISPM will need to be modified. However, there is time to adjust the content of the two draft ISPMs to ensure they are complementary and appropriately linked.
- [19] The EPPO representative explained that there should be a clear distinction between audits carried out by the NPPO in their own country or the NPPO of an importing countries carrying out audits in an exporting country.
- [20] The Steward shared that in some countries it is very common for NPPOs to authorize entities to carry out activities and even to carry out audits. However, the responsibility for official activities still remains with the NPPOs. When it is not feasible to have enough inspectors to do all the work, many countries authorize other entities to carry out some of the activities.
- [21] Several participants expressed concern about moving forward with the draft ISPM on audits when a decision has not yet been taken on the draft ISPM related to authorization of entities and that this draft ISPM could diminish the role of the phytosanitary inspectors. The need to improve national phytosanitary systems and processes was also highlighted.
- [22] The EPPO representative also acknowledged that the draft ISPMs on audits and on authorization were closely linked and that it was essential for these two standards to be developed together, but added that there was enough time to discuss both draft ISPMs. He expressed his intent to attend the webinar in October to present the views of the region and to work to get the two draft ISPMs on track so they may be addressed in parallel.

5.2 Focused Revision of ISPM 12 in relation to re-export (2015-011)

- [23] Ms Laurence BOUHOT-DELDUC, an SC member for Europe, delivered a presentation on the focused revision of ISPM 12 (*Phytosanitary certificates*) in relation to re-export. She explained that the majority of the proposed changes are aimed at clarifying issues related to re-exports, without changing the core

⁴ Presentations for 2020 IPPC Regional Workshops are available at: <https://www.ippc.int/en/core-activities/capacity-development/regional-ippc-workshops/2020-ippc-regional-workshop/>

requirements of the existing standard. She highlighted the major revisions and also identified two paragraphs in the draft standard for which countries in the region had shared substantive comments:

- The new text related to “place of origin” [paragraph 163] implies that repacking or storage leads to possible exposure to pests in other places and thus these places should be declared. The comments suggested the other places should be declared only in situations when there is possible exposure to pests during repacking or storage.
- There were also comments related to [paragraph 241] which explains that if a possible risk of infestation or contamination is identified, an additional inspection should be carried out to verify that the consignment has not been exposed to infestation or contamination by pests.

[24] One participant indicated that the need for re-export certificates is under discussion in his country. Some experts pointed out that the issuer of the PC (Phytosanitary Certificate) should be responsible for meeting the requirements of the destination country.

[25] Some participants stressed that re-export certificates are very important for facilitating trade and indicating the responsibility for the phytosanitary status of consignments. A participant also stressed that one of the most important issues was to ensure that multiple countries were declared as ‘place of origin’ on the PC, where relevant.

[26] The SC member clarified that the country issuing a PC takes responsibility for certifying the fulfilment of the phytosanitary import requirements of the importing country but cannot be responsible for further exports from the destination country, as these are outside their control. She reminded participants that each time a product is grown, stored or repacked, there is a risk of infestation or contamination. She emphasized that declaring all places where the consignments were repacked or stored on the PC will clarify the phytosanitary risk of the consignments. She also noted that CPM requested in 2011 that a definition be considered for “identity (of a consignment)” and that ISPM 12 contained some self-contradictory and unclear text on re-export issues.

[27] The Chair highlighted that it was important to have the Russian translations of the draft standards available for participants, so that Contracting Parties from the region can properly review and fully discuss these issues.

5.3 Draft 2020 Amendments to ISPM 5 (Glossary on phytosanitary terms) (1994-001)

[28] Ms Laurence BOUHOT-DELDUC presented an overview of the proposed amendments to ISPM 5. The term “incidence” has been proposed for deletion and the draft Amendments to ISPM 5 include revisions to the terms “emergency action”, “clearance (of a consignment)” and “detection survey”. She also identified some of the key comments shared by countries in the region, as follows:

1. Emergency action – one country suggested the addition of examples to clarify the meaning of the term “operation” in the revised definition.
2. “Clearance (of a consignment)” – after revision, the term would be almost synonymous with “compliance procedure (of a consignment)” which is defined as an “official procedure used to verify that a consignment complies with phytosanitary import requirements or phytosanitary measures related to transit.”
3. Detection survey – a comment suggested not adding “place of production or production site” to the revised definition, as it may lead to confusion with the term “inspection” and as the definition of “survey” already includes “place of production and production site”.

[29] One of the participants asked about the definition of “phytosanitary” and what would be a noun for the term noting that this term is not in the Glossary. The SC member noted that this question was raised at the regional workshop previously. It is a complex term and some languages do not have an equivalent term. She suggested that additional information was available in the explanatory document on ISPM 5. An EPPO expert also noted that English does not have a noun for “phytosanitary”.

5.4 Commodity-based standards for phytosanitary measures (2019-008)

- [30] Ms Laurence BOUHOT-DELDUC presented an overview of the development of this standard. She explained that this is expected to be an overarching concept standard and that in the future individual commodity standards would be developed as annexes.
- [31] The presenter highlighted the six basic principles of particular importance and relevance to commodity-based standards.
- [32] She further clarified that the inclusion of a measure in a commodity standard does not create any obligation for a Contracting Party (CP) to approve it, register it or adopt it for use in its territory and that commodity standards are intended to provide benefits to both importing and exporting countries.
- [33] The presenter introduced two of the main comments shared from countries in the region:
1. General comment: It would be desirable that in developing the standard, focus would be made, not on the lists of pests associated with certain products, but on the development of guidelines, rules and criteria to justify the use of certain phytosanitary measures in various situations, for pests having a different level of risk, for harmonization of measures for the same commodity that may have multiple pests of a different risk level associated.
 2. Regarding criteria for inclusion of measures, the draft ISPM could also include measures that have not been set as phytosanitary import requirements by at least one CP, if the level of effectiveness of those measures has been scientifically demonstrated to be acceptable.
- [34] One participant noted that the interpretation for the presentation was not satisfactory. The Chair reiterated that Russian translations of the draft standards are important to allow countries in the region to review them and prepare comments.

5.5 Draft CPM Recommendation: Safe provision of food and other aid to prevent the introduction of plant pests during an emergency situation (2018-026)

- [35] Ms Barbara PETERSON, Implementation and Facilitation officer of the IPPC Secretariat provided an overview of the draft CPM Recommendation that was distributed for a second round of consultation in 2020.

6. Section 2: Implementing and raising awareness in the framework of FAO/RPPOs

6.1 Regional FAO phytosanitary capacity development activities – impact of COVID-19 on plant protection in the countries

- [36] Mr Piotr WLODARCZYK raised the issue of the impact of COVID-19 on plant protection in countries in the region. He noted that while there has been a lot of discussion about the impact of the pandemic on human and animal health as well as economy, there has been relatively little discussion about the impact of the pandemic on plant health. He invited the participants to share their experiences on the impact that the pandemic has had on NPPO work in the countries.
- [37] EPPO representative shared their observation that, although the IPPC meetings have been affected, much of the work can be carried out virtually. He added that, nevertheless, it was unfortunate that face-to-face interactions could not take place.

6.2 Regional Plant Protection Organization activities

- [38] Mr Nico HORN presented an update on the activities of the European and Mediterranean Plant Protection Organization (EPPO). The presentation highlighted the role of the EPPO Panel on Global Phytosanitary Affairs and the EPPO Expert Working Groups for PRA. It also provided an update on other EPPO work, including: buffer zone guidelines and the revision of EPPO Datasheets.

- [39] The participants discussed the development of IT technologies that might be used to develop buffer zones and forecast of pest dispersal. The presenter cautioned that the availability of data on dispersal capacity of pests in scientific literature is limited and this poses a challenge. If enough data is available, then IT technologies may be very useful. Otherwise, expert judgment is required to interpret the limited data that is available. The IPPC Secretariat highlighted that a topic to develop a smartphone application related to surveillance of *Xylella fastidiosa* was proposed and the IPPC Secretariat plans to issue a call to collect materials already developed by other organizations. These materials may be available on the IPP⁵ if considered suitable by the IC.

7. Section 3: Moving together from ideas to action

7.1 International Year of Plant Health legacy

- [40] Mr Ralf LOPIAN, Chairperson of the International Year of Plant Health (IYPH) International Steering Committee (ISC) presented the status of the planned activities for the IYPH and highlighted the importance of activities that will result in an IYPH legacy and endure beyond 2020. He reported that, although many planned IYPH activities have been affected by the current COVID-19 restrictions, the IYPH social media campaigns have been very successful.
- [41] He invited participants to share their national and regional online events with the IYPH Secretariat (IYPH@fao.org) so that they may be added to the IYPH calendar⁶. He also encouraged participation in a “Day in the Life” and to be active on social media.
- [42] Participants thanked Mr LOPIAN for this initiative and shared some of the ways they are highlighting the importance of plant health during the IYPH. They highlighted the importance of having established an IYPH and their enthusiasm for the establishment of a Day of Plant Health on 12 May each year and expressed sincere gratitude to Mr Lopian for his hard work and enthusiasm in establishing and promoting the IYPH.

7.2 IPPC PFA guide: how to support the implementation of the Convention and ISPMs

- [43] Mr Nico HORN informed participants that a short version of the presentation would be presented instead of the full version prepared by the IPPC Secretariat due to the time constraints. He explained that the IPPC Secretariat produces guides and training materials to support the implementation of standards, under the guidance of the IC. He then presented an overview of the Pest Free Area (PFA) guide⁷ that was published in 2019 and provided some examples of PFA that have been established for fruit flies and for other pests.
- [44] One participant asked whether establishing a PFA would be sufficient or whether the NPPO of the importing country would request to verify this information. He asked about what happens when a PFA was established for one pest, but not for other pests. The presenter explained that it depends whether the NPPO of the importing country has PFA as an option in their import requirements and, if not, that there may be a need for a bilateral arrangement between the importing and exporting countries. He also clarified that a PFA is specific to a particular pest and there may be other pests of concerns for the importing country. Nonetheless, a PFA may be very effective in helping to secure market access, particularly in situations where there is one key pest of concern. The presenter also confirmed that an entire country can be a PFA provided that the NPPO carries out surveys and applies measures to maintain the PFA. He also clarified that product traceability is applicable to any export and there need to be assurances that the product is from the PFA.
- [45] The IC member asked the FAO REU representative to consider whether they would be able to translate the PFA Guide into Russian, explaining that it would be very beneficial to the countries in the region.

⁵ Contributed resources available at: <https://www.ippc.int/en/core-activities/capacity-development/guides-and-training-materials/contributed-resource-list/>

⁶ IYPH Calendar is available at: <http://www.fao.org/plant-health-2020/events/en/>

⁷ Guide for establishing and maintaining Pest Free Area available at: <https://www.ippc.int/en/publications/88508/>

The FAO REU representative agreed that translating the PFA Guide would be of value and asking whether the IPPC Secretariat has plans to translate it to Russian. He confirmed that the FAO Regional office does occasionally provide language versions, but not routinely. It depends on whether resources are available. Most of the translations completed by FAO REU have been done within the context of a project. The IPPC Secretariat confirmed that no resources have been identified yet to translate this guide into Russian and that they are seeking cooperators / donors to assist in this regard.

- [46] Other participants supported that the PFA Guide should be translated to Russian and one participant specifically requested that the guide, the agenda and all the meeting documents should be available in Russian which is one of the FAO official languages.

7.3 Preparation for 2021 Call for Topics: Standards and Implementation

- [47] Ms Olga LAVRENTJEVA delivered a presentation that outlined the steps CPs should follow when preparing a proposal for the next Call for Topics: Standards and Implementation, in 2021. She clarified that the Call for Topics is not just a mechanism for proposing standards but also for proposing implementation resources including IPPC Guides. She highlighted that ideally, potential topics should have the support of multiple countries and regions. She stressed the importance of countries in the region working together to develop a proposal on a topic and invited them to consider the needs of the region and get actively involved in preparing a submission.
- [48] One participant highlighted the importance of developing a standard on weeds. The presenter invited participants to work on preparing a proposal, if they have an idea. Another participant asked what language should be used when developing a submission. The presenter responded that the preference is English to facilitate the review process.

7.4 ePhyto

- [49] Ms Aoife CASSIN of the IPPC Secretariat provided an update on ePhyto. She highlighted recent developments and successes, including the availability of online training for GeNS.
- [50] One participant asked whether the EU countries listed in the presentation use TRACES and how that fits within the ePhyto system. The presenter clarified that there is a channel that goes from the country, to the Hub to TRACES and then to the country, but that the EU currently can only receive ePhytos. The presenter indicated that the ePhyto system can connect to different lists, such as the EPPO list, but that lists can also be tailored to meet the specific needs of a country.
- [51] One participant requested that the IPPC Secretariat to offer a specific webinar on the ePhyto solution to member countries in the ECA region. The IPPC Secretariat noted the request and also recommended that participants refer to the online GeNS training which is available on the IPP⁸ and which provides clear step-by-step guidance.

7.5 National Reporting Obligations

- [52] Ms Barbara PETERSON of the IPPC Secretariat delivered a presentation highlighting recent enhancements to the IPPC website relevant to National Reporting Obligations (NRO) and providing responses to some commonly asked questions.

8. Conclusion of the workshop / Date and Venue of the Next Meeting

- [53] The IPPC Secretariat announced the venue of the next Workshop. The next face-to-face IPPC Regional Workshop for Europe and Central Asia will be held in Azerbaijan, unless there is a decision to hold the IPPC Regional Workshops virtually again. The dates will be determined in consultation with the host country and organizing committee.

⁸ IPPC ePhyto solutions- training platform: <https://training.ephytoexchange.org/>

- [54] The IPPC Secretariat also informed that Montenegro, Armenia and Uzbekistan offered to host future meetings as indicated in the 2019 IPPC Regional Workshop report and that the IPPC Secretariat had contacted the IPPC Official Contact Points of these countries by email in this regard.
- [55] The representative from Azerbaijan welcomed the opportunity to host the workshop in 2021 and expressed her hope that the pandemic would be under control and allow for a face-to-face meeting next year. If not, she indicated support for moving the workshop virtually again.
- [56] Mr Andrei ORLINSKI (EPPO) announced that this would be the last Regional workshop he attended as he will be retiring in 2021. He expressed his gratitude to all colleagues in the region for their contributions. Several participants offered their sincere thanks and gratitude.

9. Online survey of the workshop

- [57] Participants were informed that a link to an online survey of the workshop would be shared by email and were encouraged to complete the survey by the deadline.

10. Adoption of the Report

- [58] The IPPC Secretariat proposed to prepare the draft report for review by the Organizing Committee and then clearance by the Rapporteur. The Russian versions will be prepared in collaboration with EPPO. The proposal was accepted.

11. Close of the Meeting

- [59] The meeting was closed by the Chair who thanked the participants for their trust in him and for their contributions. He also thanked the IPPC Secretariat, FAO REU, EPPO and the interpreters.

Appendix 1: Agenda

Agenda Item			Document No.	Presenter / facilitator
DAY 1:				
1.		Opening of the Meeting		
1.1	9:00	Welcome remarks: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - IPPC Secretariat - FAO Regional Office - Regional Plant Protection Organization 		IPPC Secretariat
2.		Meeting Arrangements		
2.1	9:15	Election of the Chairperson		IPPC Secretariat
2.2		Election of the Rapporteur		Chairperson
2.3		Adoption of the Agenda		Chairperson
3.		Administrative Matters		
3.1		Participants list		IPPC Secretariat
4.		Updates on governance and strategic issues		
4.1	9:20	Governance and Strategy (CPM, CPM Bureau)		Bureau member
		Discussion on Governance		Participants
4.2	9:35	Update from SC		SC member of the region
		Discussion on SC update		Participants
4.3	9:50	Update from IC		IC member from the region
		Discussion on IC update		Participants
4.4	10:05	Update on the Sea Containers Task Force		Expert of the region
5.		Section 1: Discuss the substantive comments on draft standards and recommendations <i>This section will consist of presentations followed by discussion and questions from the workshop participants</i>		
5.2	10:15	Focused Revision of ISPM 12 in relation to re-export (2015-011)		SC member of the region
	11:00	Break		
5.3	11:15	Draft 2020 Amendments to ISPM 5 (Glossary on phytosanitary terms) (1994-001)		SC member of the region
5.4	11:30	Commodity-based standards for phytosanitary measures (2019-008)		SC member of the region
5.1	12:10-12:55	Audits in the phytosanitary context (2015-014)		SC member (Steward)
DAY 2:				

Agenda Item			Document No.	Presenter / facilitator
5.5	09:00	Draft CPM Recommendation: Safe provision of food and other aid to prevent the introduction of plant pests during an emergency situation (2018-026)		IPPC Secretariat
6.		Section 2: Implementing and raising awareness in the framework of FAO/RPPOs <i>This section will consist of presentations followed by discussion and questions from the workshop participants</i>		
6.1	09:10	Regional FAO phytosanitary capacity development activities - Impact of COVID-19 on plant protection in the countries		FAO regional office All participants
6.2	09:40	RPPO activities		RPPO
7.		Section 3: Moving together from ideas to action (Facilitated session) <i>This section will consist of presentations followed by discussion and questions from the workshop participants</i>		
7.1	10:00	International Year of Plant Health legacy		Expert of the region
7.2	10:30	IPPC PFA guide: how to support the implementation of the Convention and ISPMs		Expert of the region
	10:50	Break		
7.3	11:05	Preparation for 2021 Call for Topics: Standards and Implementation		IC member of the region
7.4	11:35	e-Phyto		IPPC Secretariat
7.5	11:55	National Reporting Obligations		IPPC Secretariat
8	12:05	Conclusion of the workshop / Date and Venue of the Next Meeting		Chair
9.		Online survey of the workshop		All participants
10		Adoption of the Report (Procedure to be decided)		All participants
11.		Close of the Meeting		Chair

Appendix 2: Participants List

	Country	Name, mailing, address, telephone	Email address
1	Netherlands	Mr Martijn Schenk Senior Officer Plant Health NVWA Geertjesweg 15, Wageningen, The Netherlands Tel: 06-5256563	M.schenk1@nvwa.nl ;
2	Netherlands	Mr Thorwald Geuze Senior Officer Plant Health NVWA Geertjesweg 15, Wageningen, The Netherlands Tel: 06-51290267	t.geuze@nvwa.nl ;
3	Serbia	Ms Jelena Jankovic Advisor in the Department for Plant Health Serbian Plant Protection Directorate Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Water Management Omladinskih brigada 1 11000 Belgrade Serbia Tel: +381112604669	jelena.jankovic@minpolj.gov.rs ;
4	Serbia	Ms Sladana Lukic Head of department for plant health Serbian Plant Protection Directorate Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Water Management Omladinskih brigada 1 11000 Belgrade Serbia Tel: +381112604669	sladjana.lukic@minpolj.gov.rs ;
5	Germany	Ms Anabel Ritter Scientific Advisor Julius Kuhn-Institut Federal Research Centre for Cultivated Plants Messeweg 11/12 38104 Braunschweig Tel: +49 (0) 5312994318	anabel.ritter@julius-kuehn.de ;
6	Germany	Ms Christine Hermening Federal Ministry of Food and Agriculture (BMEL) Division 714 – Plant Health and Phytosanitary Affairs in Export Rochusstrasse 1 53123 Bonn Tel:0049 228-99 529-4484	Christine.Hermening@bmel.bund.de ;
7	Latvia	Mr Ringolds Arnis Expert State Plant Protection Service Lielvarde street 36, Riga Latvia Tel: +341 29461009	ringolds.arnitis@hotmail.com ;
8	North Macedonia	Ms Nadica Džerkovska Head of Plant Health Department, Phytosanitary Directorate Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Water Economy, Phytosanitary 2, Str. Aminta III, 1000 Skopje 2, The Republic of North Macedonia Tel: 00389 (2) 3134477 ext.423	nadica.džerkovska@mzsv.gov.mk

9	North Macedonia	Mr Ivica Angelovski Advisor Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Water Economy Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Water Economy, Phytosanitary 2, Str. Aminta III, 1000 Skopje 2, The Republic of North Macedonia Tel: +38971329612	ivica.angelovski@mzsv.gov.mk
10	Italy	Ms Mariangela Ciampitti Official in NPPO of Italy(Lombardy Plant Health Service), EU SC Member Lombardy Plant Health Service(part of NPPO of Italy) Via Pola 12, Mila Tel:+39 3666603272	mariangela.ciampitti@ersaf.lombardia.it
11	Italy	Mr Federico Sorgoni Official in Ministry of Agriculture and NPPO of Italy (Central Plant Health Service) Ministry of Agriculture of Italy and NPPO Official Contact Poin ViaXX Settembre20,Rome Tel: +39 3356166811	f.sorgoni@politicheagricole.it
12	Croatia	Ms Ksenija Bistrovic IPPC Official Contact Point spec. publ. admin. Ministry of Agriculture, Directorate of Food and Phytosanitary Policy, Department for Plant Health Ulica grada Vukovara 78, 10000 Zagreb, Croatia Tel: +385 1 6109 126	ksenija.bistrovic@mps.hr ;
13	Moldova	Ms Svetlana Lungu Chief of the Plant Protection Department National Food Safety Agency Chisinau, Republic of Moldova	svetlana.lungu@ansa.gov.md ;
14	Slovenia	Ms Martina Hosta Adviser Administration of the Republic of Slovenia for Food Safety, Veterinary sector and Plant Protection Dunajska cesta 22, 1000 Ljubljana Tel: (01)3001378	martina.hosta@gov.si ;
15	Slovenia	Ms Anita Benko Belgolavec Phytosanitary expert Administration of the Republic of Slovenia for Food Safety, Veterinary sector and Plant Protection DUNAJSKA 22, 1000 LJUBLJANA Tel: +38613001392	anita.benk@gov.si ;
16	Georgia	Mr Bezhan Rekhviashvili Head of Plant Quarantine Division, IPPC Contact Point National Food Agency, Ministry of Environmental Protection and Agriculture 6a, Marshal Gelovani ave, -159 Tbilisi, Georgia Tel: +995591914887	bezhan.r@gmail.com ; bezhan.rekhviashvili@nfa.gov.ge

17	Russian Federation	Mr Konstantin Kornev Deputy Director All-Russian Plant Quarantine Center ul. Pogranichnaya 32, Bykovo, Ramenskoe, Moskovskaya oblast, 140150 Tel: +7 (499) 707-22-27	konstantin.kornev@gmail.com
18	Russian Federation	Ms Natalia Sherokolava Chief Expert All-Russian Plant Quarantine Center ul. Pogranichnaya 32, Bykovo, Ramenskoe, Moskovskaya oblast, 140150 Tel: +7 (499) 707-22-27	natalia_sh@mail.ru
19	Russian Federation	Ms Alexandra Fedotova Head of Pest Risk and International Cooperation Department All-Russian Plant Quarantine Center ul. Pogranichnaya 32, Bykovo, Ramenskoe, Moskovskaya oblast, 140150 Tel: +7 (499) 707-22-27 (1862)	intervniikr@gmail.com
20	Belarus	Ms Tatsiana Balashova Deputy Head of State Plant Quarantine Inspectorate Main State Inspectorate for Seed Breeding, Quarantine and Plant Protection Krasnozveznaja 8, Minsk 220034, Belarus Tel: +375 (17) 284 96 18	rasten@tut.by ; rastenfito@tut.by
21	Belarus	Ms Tatsiana Yerchyk Head of the Department of Quarantine Expertise and Methodological Work Main State Inspectorate for Seed Breeding, Quarantine and Plant Protection Krasnozveznaja 8, Minsk 220034, Belarus Tel: +375 (17) 284 96 18	labqbel@tut.by ; rastenfito@tut.by
22	Ukraine	Ms Olena Shakina Head of the Unit of plant quarantine Department of Phytosanitary Security, Control in Seed Production and Seedling State Service of Ukraine on Food Safety and Consumer Protection 7, Koloskova str., Kyiv 03138 Ukraine Tel: +38 044 5247707	o.shakina@dpss.gov.ua ;
23	Ukraine	Ms Liubov Melnyk Deputy Head of the Governance - Head of the Unit of Phytosanitary Measures at the Border Department of Phytosanitary Security, Control in Seed Production and Seedling State Service of Ukraine on Food Safety and Consumer Protection 7, Koloskova str., Kyiv 03138 Ukraine Tel: +38 044 5251511	l.melnyk@dpss.gov.ua ;
24	Ukraine	Mr Volodymyr Kalashnikov Deputy Head of the Governance - Head of the Unit of Plant protection Department of Phytosanitary Security, Control in Seed Production and Seedling State Service of Ukraine on Food Safety and Consumer Protection 7, Koloskova str., Kyiv 03138 Ukraine	v.kalashnikov@dpss.gov.ua ;

		Tel: +38 044 257-95-52	
25	Ukraine	Mr Andrii Chelombitko Head of Department of Phytosanitary Security, Control in Seed Production and Seedling State Service of Ukraine on Food Safety and Consumer Protection 7, Koloskova str., Kyiv 03138 Ukraine Tel: +38 044 5247707	a.chelombitko@dpss.gov.ua ;
26	Ukraine	Mr Vadym Chaikovskiy Deputy Head of the Department - Head of the Governance of Phytosanitary Security Department of Phytosanitary Security, Control in Seed Production and Seedling State Service of Ukraine on Food Safety and Consumer Protection 7, Koloskova str., Kyiv 03138 Ukraine Tel: +38 044 5247707	v.chaikovskyi@dpss.gov.ua ;
27	Ukraine	Ms Olga Bashynska Head of the Unit of phytosanitary expertise Department of Phytosanitary Security, Control in Seed Production and Seedling State Service of Ukraine on Food Safety and Consumer Protection 7, Koloskova str., Kyiv 03138 Ukraine Tel: +38 044 5247707	o.bashynska@dpss.gov.ua ;
28	Uzbekistan	Mr Ibrohim Ergashev Chief State Quarantine Inspection under the Cabinet of Ministers of the Republic of Uzbekistan 100100, 17, 1 Turn, Bobur Str., Tashkent, Uzbekistan Tel: (+99871)255 34 29	info@karantin.uz
29	Uzbekistan	Mr Sultan-Makhmud Sultanov Head of International Relations, Investment and Innovation Department State Quarantine Inspection under the Cabinet of Ministers of the Republic of Uzbekistan 100100, 17, 1 Turn, Bobur Str., Tashkent, Uzbekistan Tel: (+99871)255 73 23	glavkaruz@mail.ru
30	Uzbekistan	Mr Fayzulla Abdullaev Head of National Genebank Research Institute of Plant Genetic Resources 111202, Uzbekistan, Tashkent region, Kibray district, Botanika village, VIR street (+998-97)-767-04-55	f_abdullaev@yahoo.com
31	Uzbekistan	Mr Khusriddin Mansurov Scientific Secretary Research Institute of Plant Genetic Resources 111202, Uzbekistan, Tashkent region, Kibray district, Botanika village, VIR street Tel: (+998 -97) 424-31-88	mansurov-husniddin@mail.ru

32	Uzbekistan	Mr Zafar Umarov Scientific Secretary/Plant Protection and Quarantine Specialist Scientific Research Institute of Horticulture, Viticulture and Winemaking named after academician M. Mirzaev Tel: +99897 765 23 82	buviti@mail.ru ;
33	Uzbekistan	Mr Nurbek Usmanov Junior Scientific Worker Research Institute of Plant Genetic Resources 111202, Uzbekistan, Tashkent region, Kibray district, Botanika village, VIR street Tel: (+998 -94) 657-70-91	nurbekjonusmanov@gmail.com
34	Ireland	Mr Kirk Shane Assistant Agricultural Inspector Department of Agriculture, Food and the Marine Horticulture & Plant Health Division, Department of Agriculture, Food and the Marine, Backweston Campus, Celbridge, Co. Kildare, Ireland. Tel: +353 86 779 3448	shane.kirk@agriculture.gov.ie
35	Armenia	Mr Artur Nikoyan Head of the Phytosanitary Department Food Safety Inspection Body of the Republic of Armenia 49/2 Komitas Ave., 0051 Yerevan, RA +374 12 40 40 57/130	a.nikoyan@ssfs.am ;
36	Armenia	Ms Gohar Navasardyan Chief Inspector of the Phytosanitary Department Food Safety Inspection Body of the Republic of Armenia 49/2 Komitas Ave., 0051 Yerevan, RA +374 12 40 40 47/134	g.navasardyan@ssfs.am ;
37	Armenia	Mr Meruzhan Tarzyan Expert of Phytosanitary Department Food Safety Inspection Body of the Republic of Armenia 49/2 Komitas Ave., 0051 Yerevan, RA +374 12 40 40 57/133	m.tarzyan@ssfs.am ;
38	EPPO	Mr Andrei Orlinski Scientific officer European and Mediterranean Plant Protection Organization (EPPO/OEPP) 21 boulevard Richard Lenoir 75011 PARIS FRANCE +331 8479 0743	orlinski@eppo.int ;
39	EPPO	Mr Valerio Lucchesi Scientific Officer European and Mediterranean Plant Protection Organization (EPPO/OEPP)	lucchesi@eppo.int ;

		21 boulevard Richard Lenoir 75011 PARIS FRANCE Tel: + 33 (0) 1 45 20 77 94	
40	Organizing Committee	Mr Piotr Wlodarczyk Agricultural Officer FAO REU Budapest, Kálmán Imre u. 20, 1054 Hungary Tel: (+36-1) 461-2017	Piotr.Wlodarczyk@fao.org ;
41	Organizing Committee	Ms Timea Tutto Programme Assistant FAO REU Budapest, Kálmán Imre u. 20, 1054 Hungary Tel :(+36-1) 4612-015	Timea.Tutto@fao.org ;
42	Organizing Committee	Ms Laurence Bouhot-Delduc International Expert in Plant Health (IPPC, EPPO, EU) Ministry of Agriculture and Food, Paris, France General Directorate for Food (DGAL) 251 Rue de Vaugirard Paris, France Tel: 331149558437	laurence.bouhot-delduc@agriculture.gouv.fr
43	Organizing Committee	Ms Olga Lavrentjeva Adviser Plant Health Department Ministry of Rural Affairs of the Republic of Estonia Ministry of Rural Affairs of the Republic of Estonia Lai tn 39 // Lai tn 41, 15056 Tallinn, Estonia Tel:+372 625 6535	Olga.Lavrentjeva@agri.ee ; olga.lavrentjeva@gmail.com ;
44	Organizing Committee	Ms Marica Gatt Director General (Veterinary and Phytosanitary Division) (VPRD), Abettori Street, Alberttown, Marsa HRS 1123, MALTA Ph.: (+356) 2292522 Mob.: (+356) 99421791	marica.gatt@gov.mt ;
45	Organizing Committee	Mr Nico Horn Director-General European and Mediterranean Plant Protection Organization (EPPO/OEPP) 21 boulevard Richard Lenoir 75011 PARIS FRANCE Tel: + 33 (0) 1 45 20 77 94	nico.horn@epo.int ;
46	Organizing Committee	Ms Khayala Dadashova Head of the Phytosanitary Control Department, Food Safety Agency, Chief State Phytosanitary Officer Food Safety Agency of the Republic of Azerbaijan Heydar Aliyev Ave. 152, Nizami district, Baku, Azerbaijan, AZ1029 Tel: +9941 2377 0077	khayala.dadashova@afsa.gov.az

47	Organizing Committee	Ms Barbara Peterson Implementation Facilitation Officer Suite 400, 4321 Still Creek Drive Burnaby, British Columbia V5C 6S7 Canada	barbara.peterson@fao.org ;
48	Organizing Committee	Ms Masumi Yamamoto Phytosanitary consultant IPPC Secretariat, NSPI, FAO Viale Delle Terme di Caracalla 00153 Roma Italy Tel.: (+39) 0657050125	masumi.yamamoto@fao.org
49	Speaker	Mr Ralf Lopian Senior Advisor, International Affairs Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry of Finland Food Department/Animal and Plant Health Unit, Mariankatu 23, Helsinki, Finland Tel: +358 40 5965698	ralf.lopien@mmm.fi ;
50	Speaker	Ms Aoife CASSIN Standard Setting Associate IPPC Secretariat, NSPI, FAO Viale Delle Terme di Caracalla 00153 Roma Italy Tel.: (+39) 0657052480	Aoife.Cassin@fao.org ;
51	Speaker	Mr Alvaro SEPULVEDA LUQUE Ingeniero Agrónomo / Encargado de Importaciones Servicio Agri-cola y Ganadero Servicio Agrícola y Ganadero División Protección Agrícola y Forestal Av. Bulnes No. 140, 3er. Piso Santiago de Chile Chile Tel:+56223451201 annex 3571 Mobile:+56966377853	alvaro.sepulveda@sag.gob.cl
52	Observer	Mr Lucien KOUAME KONAN Inspecteur Direction de la Protection des Végétaux, du Contrôle et de la Qualité Ministère de l'Agriculture B.P. V7 Abidjan, COTE D'IVOIRE Mob.: (+225) 20 218442 Fax: (+225) 20 212032	l_kouame@yahoo.fr ;
53	Observer	Ms Hala TOUBIA RAHME APHIS/ International Services U.S. Embassy Vienna	hala.toubia@usda.gov ;
54	Observer	Ms Diana Chapman APHIS/ International Services U.S. Embassy Vienna	diana.l.chapman@usda.gov ;