

TERMS OF REFERENCE FOR A WORKING GROUP TO DISCUSS THE CONCEPT OF A COMMODITY STANDARD

Background

The Commission on Phytosanitary Measures (CPM) – 10 in 2015 has identified the need to have further and in depth discussions and analysis about the concept of a commodity standard.

Process

A small group will meet and complete the tasks outlined below. The report of this meeting will be presented to the Strategic Planning Group (SPG) in 2015 that will provide written input on strategic aspects to the Standards Committee (SC) November 2015. The SC will make recommendations to the CPM - 11 (2016).

The IPPC Secretariat will issue a call for discussion papers to contracting parties, National Plant Protection Organizations (NPPOs), Regional Plant Protection Organizations (RPPOs) and relevant international organizations with a deadline of 12 June 2015.

Scope

Consider the concept and content of a commodity standard and the process for development.

Tasks

The working group will:

- discuss the concept of a commodity standard within the context of the suite of IPPC standards and the Framework for Standards and Implementation
- discuss and propose the purpose, content and format of commodity standards
- consider and propose a process for the development of a commodity standard, including, if relevant, how to consult with stakeholders from industry and other relevant international organizations
- analyse and propose a system to maintain and update commodity standards.

Members and expertise

Approximately 6-10 experts will be selected by the CPM Bureau.

Experts should have a combined knowledge of the IPPC Standard Setting process and developing and setting phytosanitary regulations (in particular where industry stakeholders are engaged). In addition, a few invited experts from industry will be invited.

Date and venue

The meeting is tentatively scheduled to be held from 20 to 24 July 2015 and hosted by the European and Mediterranean Plant Protection Organization (EPPO) in Edinburgh, Scotland, UK.

The work of this group will be supported by the IPPC Secretariat.