



IPPC protects sustainable agriculture and enhances global food security: The draft ISPM on the International movement of grain

Building upon a 2011 workshop on the international movement of grain that was held in Vancouver, Canada, the first meeting of the expert working group established for this standard is planned for September 2016 in Melbourne, Australia. This meeting will be an opportunity for importing and exporting countries, along with experts from industry, to gather together and develop a draft ISPM. It is anticipated that, once adopted and implemented, this standard will help reduce the spread of pests and thereby contribute to global food security.

Food security – the reliable access to sufficient quantities of affordable, nutritious food – is critical for the entire world.

Recognizing the role that ISPMs play in enhancing food security through the safe trade of commodities, the CPM is currently developing an ISPM on the international movement of grain.

Interview with Ruth Woode, IPPC Standards Committee member from Ghana

How does the international movement of grain affect food security?

The international movement of grains has brought "exotic" pests to my part of the world. The larger Grain Borer (*Prostephanus truncates*) is an example of one of these pests which has spread over long distances and has established itself in the African continent. This has negative impacts on food security and is a serious threat to stored maize and dried cassava chips which are major staple foodstuffs.

How would this standard benefit importing and exporting countries?

The proposed standard would identify and describe specific phytosanitary measures that could help to reduce pest risks prior to export, during transfer, on arrival, and during handling and processing. Exporting and importing countries would benefit from such guidance on harmonized approaches for managing pest risks associated with the international movement of grain.

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