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I. Background

1. CPM-8 (2013) endorsed the strategy proposed by the CPM Bureau for taking registration of the ISPM 15 symbol forward¹. CPM-9 (2014), encouraged contracting parties to actively pursue the registration of the ISPM 15 symbol, including registration renewals in countries where registration is due to expire. The CPM also encouraged contracting parties to reimburse the cost of registration renewals completed in 2013 to the IPPC Secretariat. CPM 10 (2015) also encouraged contracting parties to continuously support the process of registration of the ISPM 15 symbol, including renewals of registrations that are due to expire and again to reimburse the IPPC Secretariat for registration and registration renewal costs as soon as practically possible.

II. Progress and Current Status²

2. As noted in the CPM-9 (2014), the process of the registration renewal was completed in all countries where registration was due to expire in 2013. These registrations will next expire in 2023.

3. In 2014, of the 17 countries identified as the first group based on the prioritization criteria explained below, three are still on hold, whereas in two countries, Costa Rica and Nicaragua, the registration process has been completed. Prioritization criteria included considerations of legal and trade-related indicators and commitments by countries to reimburse registration costs. Total allocated

¹ See Appendix 5 to CPM-8 Report.

² Attachment 1 to this document provides information on the status of registration in each country.

budget for this purpose was USD 65,000. The IPPC Secretariat is working closely with FAO Legal office in monitoring the work of legal companies that are contracted to file registration applications.

4. In 2015, the IPPC Secretariat initiated new registrations for 15 countries (Bahamas, Barbados, Dominica, Grenada, Guyana, Haiti, Jamaica, Montserrat, Paraguay, Peru, St. Kitts and Nevis, St. Lucia, Suriname, Trinidad and Tobago, St. Vincent and the Grenadines) which are identified as "II round" in the attached table. The countries were selected based on the same prioritization criteria, i.e. considerations of legal and trade-related indicators and commitments by countries to reimburse registration costs. Total allocated budget for this purpose was USD 40,000. The budget is slightly lower because the 2014 budget was not fully spent and the balance is being used for the registrations in 2015.

5. In 2015, the registration was due to expire only in Argentina. The registration renewal has been carried out and the registration will be valid until 2025.

6. Since 2013 other relevant progress has included:

- Letter to Ministers. In order to raise awareness about the importance of protecting the symbol and assist the NPPOs in their interaction with their respective government, a letter was sent to the responsible Minister in each country, explaining the purpose of registration and highlighting the need for political and financial support in registering or renewing the registration. The letters were sent out throughout 2014 and 2015.
- Cost reimbursement of registration renewal - letters. Another letter was sent to the NPPOs providing information on the procedures for reimbursing the costs of registration renewals done in 2013. Many countries expressed their willingness to reimburse such costs. Many countries already reimbursed the costs to the IPPC Secretariat.
- The Q&A information was posted on the IPP portal in 2014³.

7. The work plan for upcoming years includes:

- Third round of new registrations. The third group of countries where the new registration will be initiated in 2016 will be identified based on the above-mentioned prioritization criteria within the allocated budget, as done in 2014 and 2015.
- Unless there are unexpected problems (such as legal issues raised by certain stakeholders), the necessary registration renewals and new registrations will be dealt with by the end of 2017 under the total agreed budget of USD 350,000 (in the five-year period 2013-2017). There are 42 contracting parties where new registrations will be initiated in the above-mentioned timeframe. There are also 8 non-contracting Parties where the registration will be carried out in the same timeframe, funding permitting. The contracts with the two trademark firms selected by FAO to carry out the registration process on its behalf will expire in September, 2018. Towards the end of the period, the budget may be revised for adjustment, as appropriate.

8. The CPM is invited to:

- 1) *note* the progress made in 2015 and the work plan for 2016 with regard to registration of the ISPM 15 symbol.
- 2) *encourage* contracting parties to continuously support the process of registration of the ISPM 15 symbol, including renewals of registrations that are due to expire.
- 3) *encourage* contracting parties to reimburse the IPPC Secretariat for registration and registration renewal costs as soon as practically possible.

³ See <https://www.ippc.int/faq>

Attachment 1:**Update on the ISPM 15 symbol registration***Contracting Parties*

Contracting Party	Registration expiry date	Not registered
Afghanistan		X
Albania	26/09/2023	
Algeria	26/09/2023	
Antigua and Barbuda	26/09/2023	
Argentina	15/04/2025	
Armenia	26/09/2023	
Australia	26/09/2023	
Austria	04/04/2023	
Azerbaijan	26/09/2023	
Bahamas	II round	In process
Bahrain	26/09/2023	
Bangladesh		X
Barbados	II round	In process
Belarus	20/06/2016	
Belgium	04/04/2023	
Belize	Application pending with National Trademark Office	In process
Benin*	03/10/2018 * 24/12/2018 *	
Bhutan	26/09/2023	
Bolivia		X
Bosnia and Herzegovina	26/09/2023	
Botswana	26/09/2023	
Brazil	19/05/2019	
Bulgaria	04/04/2023	
Burkina Faso*	03/10/2018* 24/12/2018*	
Burundi		X
Cambodia		X
Cameroon*	03/10/2018*	

Contracting Party	Registration expiry date	Not registered
	24/12/2018*	
Canada	27/07/2020	
Cape Verde		X
Central African Republic*	03/10/2018* 24/12/2018*	
Chad*	03/10/2018* 24/12/2018*	
Chile	Done by Chile, to be transferred to FAO	
China	26/09/2023	
Colombia	26/09/2023	
Comoros*	03/10/2018* 24/12/2018*	
Congo*	03/10/2018* 24/12/2018*	
Cook Islands		X
Costa Rica	30/07/2025	
Côte d'Ivoire*	03/10/2018* 24/12/2018*	
Croatia	04/04/2023	
Cuba	26/09/2023	
Cyprus	04/04/2023	
Czech Republic	04/04/2023	
Democratic Republic of the Congo	I round	In process
Democratic People's Republic of Korea	26/09/2023	
Denmark	04/04/2023	
Djibouti		X
Dominica	II round	In process
Dominican Republic	I round	In process
Ecuador		X
Egypt	26/09/2023	
El Salvador	I round	In process
Equatorial Guinea*	03/10/2018* 24/12/2018*	
Eritrea		X
Estonia	04/04/2023	

Contracting Party	Registration expiry date	Not registered
Ethiopia		X
European Union (CTM)	04/04/2023	
Fiji		X
Finland	04/04/2023	
France	04/04/2023	
Gabon*	03/10/2018* 24/12/2018*	
Georgia	26/09/2023	
Germany	04/04/2023	
Ghana	26/09/2023	
Greece	04/04/2023	
Grenada	II round	In process
Guatemala	I round	In process
Guinea*	03/10/2018* 24/12/2018*	
Guinea Bissau*	03/10/2018* 24/12/2018*	
Guyana	II round	In process
Haiti	II round	In process
Honduras	I round	In process
Hungary	04/04/2023	
Iceland	26/09/2023	
India	I round	Under negotiation with Min of Agriculture
Indonesia	06/11/2023	
Iran (Islamic Republic of)	26/09/2023	
Iraq		X
Ireland	04/04/2023	
Israel	26/09/2023	
Italy	04/04/2023	
Jamaica	II round	In process
Japan	26/09/2023	
Jordan		X

Contracting Party	Registration expiry date	Not registered
Kazakhstan	26/09/2023	
Kenya	26/09/2023	
Kuwait		X
Kyrgyzstan	26/09/2023	
Lao People's Democratic Republic		X
Latvia	04/04/2023	
Lebanon		X
Lesotho	26/09/2023	
Liberia	26/09/2023	
Libyan Arab Jamahiriya		X
Lithuania	04/04/2023	
Luxembourg	04/04/2023	
Madagascar	26/09/2023	
Malawi	08/03/2019	
Malaysia	02/04/2023	
Maldives		X
Mali*	03/10/2018* 24/12/2018*	
Malta	04/04/2023	
Mauritania*	03/10/2018* 24/12/2018*	
Mauritius		X
Mexico	01/10/2023	
Micronesia (Federated States of)		X
Moldova	26/09/2023	
Mongolia	26/09/2023	
Montenegro	26/09/2023	
Morocco	26/09/2023	
Mozambique	26/09/2023	
Myanmar	I round	
Namibia	26/09/2023	
Nepal		X
Netherlands	04/04/2023	
New Zealand	02/04/2023	
Nicaragua	29/06/2026	
Niger*	03/10/2018* 24/12/2018*	

Contracting Party	Registration expiry date	Not registered
Nigeria	I round	In process
Niue		X
Norway	26/09/2023	
Oman	26/09/2023	
Pakistan	I round	In process
Palau		X
Panama	I round	In process
Papua New Guinea		X
Paraguay	II round	In process
Peru	II round	In process
Philippines	15/09/2021	
Poland	04/04/2023	
Portugal	04/04/2023	
Qatar		X
Republic of Korea	26/09/2023	
Romania	04/04/2023	
Russian Federation	26/09/2023	
Rwanda		X
Samoa		X
Sao Tome and Principe		X
Saudi Arabia	I round	In process
Senegal*	03/10/2018* 24/12/2018*	
Serbia (Rep. of)	26/09/2023	
Seychelles		X
Sierra Leone	26/09/2023	
Singapore	26/09/2023	
Slovakia	04/04/2023	
Slovenia	04/04/2023	
Solomon Islands		X
South Africa	I round	In process
South Sudan		X
Spain	04/04/2023	
Sri Lanka		X

Contracting Party	Registration expiry date	Not registered
Saint Kitts & Nevis	II round	In process
Saint Lucia	II round	In process
Saint Vincent and the Grenadines	II round	In process
Sudan	26/09/2023	
Suriname	II round	In process
Swaziland	26/09/2023	
Sweden	04/04/2023	
Switzerland	26/09/2023	
Syria	26/09/2023	
Tajikistan	26/09/2023	
Thailand	01/10/2023	
The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia	26/09/2023	
Togo*	03/10/2018* 24/12/2018*	
Tonga		X
Trinidad and Tobago	II round	In process
Tunisia		X
Turkey	26/09/2023	
Tuvalu		X
Uganda		X
Ukraine	26/09/2023	
United Arab Emirates	I round	In process
United Kingdom	04/04/2023	
United Republic of Tanzania		X
United States of America	24/01/2016	
Uruguay		X
Vanuatu		X
Venezuela	pending ⁱ	
Viet Nam	26/09/2023	
Yemen		X
Zambia	26/09/2023	
Zimbabwe		X

Non Contracting Parties

Non Contracting party	Registration expiry date	not registered
Andorra		X
Angola	I round	In process
Brunei Darussalam		X
Gambia		X
Kiribati		X
Liechtenstein	26/09/2023	
Marshall Islands		X
Monaco	26/09/2023	
Montserrat	II round	In process
Nauru		X
San Marino	26/09/2023	
Somalia		X
Timor Leste		X
Turkmenistan	26/09/2023	
Uzbekistan	26/09/2023	
Faroe Islands	04/04/2023	
Tokelau	02/04/2023	

ⁱ The application was filed in 2003 and is still pending with the National Trademark Office.

* OAPI countries have got two registration expiry dates due to the fact that applications to register the ISPM 15 symbol in different classes of products and services were filed or accepted on different date/s