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## JAPAN's proposal supported by Republic of Korea regarding the IPPC Standard setting procedure

Japan supports the efforts to streamline the Standard setting procedure and increase transparency, and would like to propose certain modification to the Step 7 (Adoption) in the proposed new IPPC standard setting procedure in order to make the process more effective and operational.

### STAGE4: Adoption and publication

#### Step7: Adoption

- For draft ISPMs other than draft DPs:

If a CP does not support the adoption of the draft ISPM, the CP may submit an objection<sup>5</sup>. An objection must be accompanied by technical justification and suggestions for improvement of the draft ISPM and submitted to the IPPC Secretariat no later than 3 weeks prior to the CPM meeting. The IPPC Secretariat will have an immediate contact with the CP in question and the CP should clearly explain the specific concerns with the draft ISPMs. The CPs, the IPPC Secretariat, the SC Chair and the SC steward should ~~make every effort~~work together to reach agreement before the CPM meeting. The objection will be added to the CPM agenda and the CPM will decide on a way forward. When the consensus cannot be reached in the CPM meeting, the draft ISPM should be returned to the SC. The CP that submitted the objection should work with the SC, the IPPC Secretariat and if necessary the relevant TP/EWG in order to seek a solution after the CPM meeting.

When the need for a minor technical update to an adopted ISPM is identified by a TP or the SC, the SC can recommend the update for adoption by the CPM<sup>(\*)</sup>. The IPPC Secretariat should make the update to the adopted ISPM available in the languages of the organization as soon as possible and at least six weeks prior to the opening of the CPM meeting. Minor technical updates to adopted ISPMs presented to the CPM are subject to the objection process as described above.

(\*footnote) The process amended for minor technical updates will be reviewed in two years (i.e. in the CPM Session in 2018).

**Rationale:**

The CP submitting the objection should primarily take responsibility to share their specific concerns (contents, background info, technical justification, possible alternatives, etc.) with the CPM. However, the solution cannot be properly made without proper guidance and coordination of the SC and the IPPC Secretariat. The “solution” found by the CP may not be agreed by other CPs, and the involvement of the others (the IPPC Secretariat, the SC Chair and the SC steward) may help minimize such risks. As described in its terms of reference, the SC should serve for revision of draft ISPMs in cooperation with the IPPC Secretariat taking into account comments.

In addition, the Standard setting procedure should describe clearly how to deal with the situation if the agreement is not reached prior to or within the CPM week. Japan’s proposed text will add the collaborative work to be done by the CP in question with the Secretariat and other relevant experts in order to seek a solution after the CPM meeting [see Fig1].

As regards the process proposed to introduce simpler process to address the needs for minor technical updates, how it will work is unclear without specific criteria on what the “minor technical updates are. Japan would like to propose the review mechanism after certain experiences we will have.

Fig1]

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