



## SPECIFICATION

# TP 5 Technical Panel for the Glossary (2016)

### Title

Technical Panel for the Glossary (2006-013).

### Reason for the Technical Panel

ISPM 5 (*Glossary of phytosanitary terms*) is a reference standard listing harmonized terms, definitions and abbreviations in each of the FAO languages. It also provides cross-references and includes supplements where necessary to explain the interpretations and applications of certain terms.

The TPG is the technical body that reviews and updates the *Glossary of phytosanitary terms*. Other matters dealing with the expression of technical issues are also referred to this group.

### Scope and purpose

The TPG reviews proposed and existing terms used in ISPMs and their use, and evaluates the need to include phytosanitary terms and their definitions in the *Glossary of phytosanitary terms*. Where required, the TPG prepares definitions.

The TPG will also deal with other issues associated with the technical language of standards as required by the Commission on Phytosanitary Measures (CPM) or the Standards Committee (SC).

### Tasks

The TPG should:

- (1) Undertake the ongoing review, revision and updating of the *Glossary of phytosanitary terms* based on needs identified by the SC (including as requested by the CPM), technical panels, expert working groups or the IPPC Secretariat, as well as matters arising from adoption, revision or amendment of ISPMs. This involves:
  - . developing and revising terms and definitions, when required, for the consideration of the SC
  - . reviewing proposals for new or revised terms and definitions
  - . reviewing ISPMs for consistency of terms and ensuring new and/or revised terms and definitions in existing ISPMs are used consistently
  - . formulating recommendations for the SC.
- (2) Ensure that:

- . terms and definitions are only proposed for and included in the *Glossary of phytosanitary terms* when needed (i.e. when they differ from common usage, or are very specialized)
  - . there is consistency with other terms, formats and past decisions taken
  - . potential translation problems are identified.
- (3) Participate in the regular updating and maintenance of the annotated glossary as an explanatory document.
- (4) Ensure that the correct terminology is used in ISPMs by:
- . reviewing draft and adopted ISPMs in relation to new terms and definitions, member comments on terms, consistency within and between standards, and the initial translation of terms and their corresponding definitions (diagnostic protocols are excluded from this review)
  - . suggesting changes to the proposed terms and their corresponding definitions to the relevant steward or standard setting group (e.g. SC, other TP) prior to adoption.
- (5) Undertake those duties assigned to it by the SC concerning the use of technical language in standards and associated publications.

### **Provision of resources**

Funding for the meeting is provided by the IPPC Secretariat (FAO). As recommended by ICPM-2 (1999), whenever possible, those participating in standard setting activities voluntarily fund their travel and subsistence to attend meetings. Participants may request financial assistance, with the understanding that resources are limited and the priority for financial assistance is given to developing country participants.

### **Collaborator**

To be determined.

### **Steward**

Please refer to the list of topics for IPPC standards posted on the IPP (<https://www.ippc.int/core-activities/standards-setting/list-topics-ippc-standards>).

### **Expertise**

The TPG should be a group of approximately six to eight experts.

*Phytosanitary expertise:* members should have a broad understanding of plant protection systems, have experience in several aspects, including legislation, regulations, surveillance, diagnostics, pest risk analysis, phytosanitary certification and compliance, eradication, pest free areas etc., and have an understanding of the use of terminology within those systems. Members should preferably have experience in developing or implementing ISPMs.

*Terminology expertise:* members should have the ability to draft and analyze documents and be able to clarify and standardize terminology. They should be able to review documents in detail and have the ability to detect and provide solutions for inconsistencies.

*Language:* the combined membership should have expertise in all FAO languages. Exposure to several languages is an asset.

### **Participants**

TPG members should be able to participate on an ongoing basis in the work of the panel and attend meetings, normally annually. Continuity of membership is essential for the effectiveness of the group.

## References

The IPPC, relevant ISPMs and other national, regional and international standards and agreements as may be applicable to the tasks, and discussion papers submitted in relation to this work.

### Publication history

*This is not an official part of the specification*

2006-04 CPM-1 established Technical Panel for the Glossary and replaced the Glossary working group (2006-13)

2006-05 SC approved specification.

2011-11 specification reformatted.

2011-12 applied consistency changes in line with the decision made by SC May 2009.

2012-10 TPG revised specification.

2012-11 SC revised and approved revised specification, revoking Specification 1.

2013-05 SC revised and approved revised specification, editing the paragraph on expertise.

2016-05 SC revised specification, excluding diagnostic protocols from the review carried out under task 4.

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