

Complementary Action Plan for Assessing and Managing the Pest Threats Associated with Sea Containers

Prepared by the CPM Bureau and endorsed by CPM12

(Extract from the CPM12 report)

[1] The CPM Bureau proposes a number of actions to reduce the pest risks associated with sea containers, pending extra-budgetary resources provided by contracting parties (CPs) or industry. These actions will measure the impact of the IMO/ILO/UNECE Code of Practice for Packing of Cargo Transport Units (CTU Code) during the next five years, increase awareness of pest risks of sea containers and information to assist NPPOs better manage these risks, and establish oversight and governance arrangements for their implementation.

[2] The Bureau encourages CPs or industry to provide resources to the IPPC Secretariat to facilitate this work, and suggested that the funding model of the ePhyto project could be applied to progress it.

(i) Measuring the impact of the CTU shipping code through:

- The development of a joint IPPC/IMO/industry protocol for the collection of data related to contamination of sea containers to be completed by CPM-16 (2021);
- Monitoring the uptake and implementation of the IMO/ILO/UNECE Code of Practice for Packing of Cargo Transport Units (CTU Code) through:
 - Industry reporting;
 - NPPO monitoring.
- Verifying the efficacy of the CTU Code in ensuring the arrival of clean sea container through:
 - Monitoring for pest contamination and freedom of soil by NPPOs;
- Assisting NPPOs manage pest risks associated with sea containers.

(ii) Increasing awareness of pest risks of sea container through

- Publication of the data of the Expert Working Group (EWG) by the IPPC Secretariat;
- A request by the IPPC Secretariat for countries having data on contamination of sea containers to make it publically available;
- Calling for and publication of pest risk management guidance material for sea containers;
- Encouraging NPPOs to inform industry on the risks and possible international actions to manage pest risks associated with sea containers;

- Ensuring that any regulations on sea containers that are developed and implemented by NPPOs are based on pest risk analysis and consistent with Recommendation CPM 10/2015_01 on Sea Containers.

Oversight and governance

- [3] Establishment of a Task Force that will operate under the oversight of the CDC/IC, to supervise the above actions and complement them with any other actions through:
- Providing information on pest risks of sea containers and their management;
 - Coordinating with CPs, RPPOs, industry and other international organizations;
 - Establishing a mechanism for CPs to report to CPM on their progress and achievements;
 - Providing advice on how the CTU Code or any other instrument could be updated;
 - Providing, through the CDC/IC, updates on its activities to be presented annually to the CPM, as well as a final report for presentation to CPM-16 (2021).
- [4] The Bureau will select members and invited experts to take part in the task force. Members of the task force should be nominated by contracting parties or RPPOs and have expertise in IPPC matters and sea container logistics. At least one member of the task force should be an EWG member on sea containers. In addition, industry experts and representatives of relevant international organizations could also be part of the task force as invited experts.
- [5] The Task Force should have members from CPs knowledgeable in IPPC matters and sea container logistics. It should have industry experts and other relevant international organizations. The Task Force may consult experts on sea containers, such as ex EWG members, as required.