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# COMMISSION ON PHYTOSANITARY MEASURES

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<b>Status of ISPM 15 Symbol Registration</b>
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## I. Background

1. CPM-8 (2013) endorsed the strategy proposed by the CPM Bureau to move forward with the registration of the ISPM 15 symbol<sup>1</sup>. CPM-9 (2014), encouraged Contracting Parties to actively pursue the registration of the ISPM 15 symbol, including registration renewals in countries where registration was due to expire. The CPM also encouraged Contracting Parties to reimburse the IPPC Secretariat for the cost of registration renewals completed in 2013. CPM 11 (2016) also encouraged Contracting Parties to continue to support the process of registration of the ISPM 15 symbol, including renewals of registrations that are due to expire as well as to reimburse the IPPC Secretariat for registration and registration renewal costs as soon as practically possible.

## II. Progress and Current Status<sup>2</sup>

2. As noted at 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. The list of these countries is provided in the Annex to this document.

<sup>1</sup> See Appendix 5 to CPM-8 Report.

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

3. In 2014, 17 countries were identified in the as “I round” of registration, based on a number of prioritization criteria, including legal and trade-related indicators and commitments by countries to reimburse registration costs. The total allocated budget for this purpose was USD 65,000.
4. In 2015 the Secretariat identified 15 countries in the "II round" of registrations. The countries were selected based on the same prioritization criteria mentioned above. The total allocated budget was USD 40,000. The IPPC Secretariat is working closely with the FAO Legal office in monitoring the work of the legal companies that are contracted to file registration applications.
5. In 2016, the Secretariat identified 17 countries in the "III round" of registration. The countries were selected based on the usual prioritization criteria. The total allocated budget for this purpose was USD 45,000.
6. The IPPC Secretariat intends to initiate a new round of registrations (“IV round”) for the remaining 28 countries, identified as "IV round" in the table attached to this document as Attachment 1. The total estimated cost is USD 80,000. Due to financial restrictions, this round might be split and initiated partially in 2018 and with the remainders initiated in 2019.
7. 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 2014<sup>3</sup>.
8. The work plan for upcoming years includes:
  - The initiation of the “IV” round of new registrations.
  - Unless there are unexpected problems (such as legal issues raised by certain stakeholders or National Patent Offices), the necessary registration renewals and new registration rounds will be initiated by the end of 2018, under the total agreed budget of USD 350,000 (in the five-year period 2013-2017). 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.
9. The CPM is invited to:
  - 1) *note* the progress made in 2017 and the work plan for 2018 with regard to the 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, and
  - 3) *encourage* contracting parties to reimburse the IPPC Secretariat for registration and registration renewal costs as soon as practically possible.

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<sup>3</sup> See <https://www.ippc.int/faq>

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

	Contracting Party	Registration expiry date	Not registered
1	Afghanistan	IV round	In process
2	Albania	26/09/2023	
3	Algeria	26/09/2023	
4	Antigua and Barbuda	26/09/2023	
5	Argentina	15/04/2025	
6	Armenia	26/09/2023	
7	Australia	26/09/2023	
8	Austria	04/04/2023	
9	Azerbaijan	26/09/2023	
10	Bahamas	II round	In process
11	Bahrain	26/09/2023	
12	Bangladesh	IV round	In process
13	Barbados	II round	In process
14	Belarus	20/06/2026	
15	Belgium	04/04/2023	
16	Belize	31/03/2025	
17	Benin*	03/10/2028 * 24/12/2028 *	
18	Bhutan	26/09/2023	
19	Bolivia	IV round	In process
20	Bosnia and Herzegovina	26/09/2023	
21	Botswana	26/09/2023	
22	Brazil	19/05/2019	
23	Bulgaria	04/04/2023	

	Contracting Party	Registration expiry date	Not registered
24	Burkina Faso*	03/10/2028* 24/12/2028*	
25	Burundi	III round	In process
26	Cambodia	III round	In process
27	Cameroon*	03/10/2028* 24/12/2028*	
28	Canada	27/07/2020	
29	Cape Verde	IV round	In process
30	Central African Republic*	03/10/2028* 24/12/2028*	
31	Chad*	03/10/2028* 24/12/2028*	
32	Chile	Transfer of ownership to FAO made in 2017	
33	China	26/09/2023	
34	Colombia	26/09/2023	
35	Comoros*	03/10/2028* 24/12/2028*	
36	Congo*	03/10/2028* 24/12/2028*	
37	Cook Islands	III round	In process
38	Costa Rica	30/07/2025	
39	Côte d'Ivoire*	03/10/2028* 24/12/2028*	
40	Croatia	04/04/2023	
41	Cuba	26/09/2023	
42	Cyprus	04/04/2023	
43	Czech Republic	04/04/2023	
44	Democratic Republic of the Congo	I round	In process
45	Democratic People's Republic of Korea	26/09/2023	

	Contracting Party	Registration expiry date	Not registered
46	Denmark	04/04/2023	
47	Djibouti	IV round	In process
48	Dominica	II round	In process
49	Dominican Republic	I round	In process
50	Ecuador	III round	In process
51	Egypt	26/09/2023	
52	El Salvador	I round	In process
53	Equatorial Guinea*	03/10/2028* 24/12/2028*	
54	Eritrea		X
55	Estonia	04/04/2023	
56	Ethiopia	IV round	In process
57	European Union (CTM)	04/04/2023	
58	Fiji	26/07/2031	
59	Finland	04/04/2023	
60	France	04/04/2023	
61	Gabon*	03/10/2028* 24/12/2028*	
62	Gambia	III round	In process
63	Georgia	26/09/2023	
64	Germany	04/04/2023	
65	Ghana	26/09/2023	
66	Greece	04/04/2023	
67	Grenada	07/04/2026	
68	Guatemala	I round	In process
69	Guinea*	03/10/2028* 24/12/2028*	
70	Guinea Bissau*	03/10/2028* 24/12/2028*	
71	Guyana	II round	In process

	Contracting Party	Registration expiry date	Not registered
72	Haiti	II round	In process
73	Honduras	I round	In process
74	Hungary	04/04/2023	
75	Iceland	26/09/2023	
76	India	I round	Under negotiation with Min of Agriculture
77	Indonesia	06/11/2023	
78	Iran (Islamic Republic of)	26/09/2023	
79	Iraq	IV round	In process
80	Ireland	04/04/2023	
81	Israel	26/09/2023	
82	Italy	04/04/2023	
83	Jamaica	16/05/2026	
84	Japan	26/09/2023	
85	Jordan	III round	
86	Kazakhstan	26/09/2023	
87	Kenya	26/09/2023	
88	Kuwait	IV round	In process
89	Kyrgyzstan	26/09/2023	
90	Lao People's Democratic Republic	III round	In process
91	Latvia	04/04/2023	
92	Lebanon	IV round	In process
93	Lesotho	26/09/2023	
94	Liberia	26/09/2023	
95	Libya	IV round	In process
96	Lithuania	04/04/2023	
97	Luxembourg	04/04/2023	

	Contracting Party	Registration expiry date	Not registered
98	Madagascar	26/09/2023	
99	Malawi	08/03/2019	
100	Malaysia	02/04/2023	
101	Maldives	IV round	In process
102	Mali*	03/10/2028* 24/12/2028*	
103	Malta	04/04/2023	
104	Mauritania*	03/10/2028* 24/12/2028*	
105	Mauritius	IV round	In process
106	Mexico	01/10/2023	
107	Micronesia (Federated States of)	III round	In process
108	Moldova	26/09/2023	
109	Mongolia	26/09/2023	
110	Montenegro	26/09/2023	
111	Morocco	26/09/2023	
112	Mozambique	26/09/2023	
113	Myanmar	I round	In process
114	Namibia	26/09/2023	
115	Nepal	IV round	In process
116	Netherlands	04/04/2023	
117	New Zealand	02/04/2023	
118	Nicaragua	29/06/2026	
119	Niger*	03/10/2028* 24/12/2028*	
120	Nigeria	14/07/2023	
121	Niue	IV round	In process
122	Norway	26/09/2023	

	Contracting Party	Registration expiry date	Not registered
123	Oman	26/09/2023	
124	Pakistan	27/07/2026	
125	Palau	IV round	In process
126	Panama	I round	In process
127	Papua New Guinea	28/02/2027	
128	Paraguay	II round	In process
129	Peru	II round	In process
130	Philippines	15/09/2021	
131	Poland	04/04/2023	
132	Portugal	04/04/2023	
133	Qatar	IV round	In process
134	Republic of Korea	26/09/2023	
135	Romania	04/04/2023	
136	Russian Federation	26/09/2023	
137	Rwanda	IV round	In process
138	Samoa	III round	In process
139	Sao Tome and Principe	26/09/2023	
140	Saudi Arabia	25/07/2026	
141	Senegal*	03/10/2028* 24/12/2028*	
142	Serbia (Rep. of)	26/09/2023	
143	Seychelles	IV round	In process
144	Sierra Leone	26/09/2023	
145	Singapore	26/09/2023	
146	Slovakia	04/04/2023	
147	Slovenia	04/04/2023	
148	Solomon Islands		X
149	South Africa	01/09/2024	
150	South Sudan		X



	Contracting Party	Registration expiry date	Not registered
151	Spain	04/04/2023	
152	Sri Lanka	11/11/2027	
153	Saint Kitts & Nevis	II round	In process
154	Saint Lucia	25/02/2026	
155	Saint Vincent and the Grenadines	27/06/2026	
156	Sudan	26/09/2023	
157	Suriname	II round	In process
158	Swaziland	26/09/2023	
159	Sweden	04/04/2023	
160	Switzerland	26/09/2023	
161	Syria	26/09/2023	
162	Tajikistan	26/09/2023	
163	Thailand	01/10/2023	
164	The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia	26/09/2023	
165	Togo*	03/10/2028* 24/12/2028*	
166	Tonga	III round	In process
167	Trinidad and Tobago	II round	In process
168	Tunisia	III round	In process
169	Turkey	26/09/2023	
170	Tuvalu	IV round	In process
171	Uganda	07/03/2024	
172	Ukraine	26/09/2023	
173	United Arab Emirates	I round	In process
174	United Kingdom	04/04/2023	
175	United Republic of Tanzania	IV round	In process
176	United States of America	24/01/2026	
177	Uruguay	III round	In process

	Contracting Party	Registration expiry date	Not registered
178	Vanuatu	IV round	In process
179	Venezuela	pending <sup>i</sup>	
180	Viet Nam	26/09/2023	
181	Yemen	IV round	In process
182	Zambia	26/09/2023	
183	Zimbabwe	III round	In process

**Non Contracting Parties**

	Non Contracting party	Registration expiry date	not registered
1	Angola	16/03/2026	
2	Brunei Darussalam	IV round	In process
3	Kiribati	IV round	In process
4	Liechtenstein	26/09/2023	
5	Marshall Islands	IV round	In process
6	Monaco	26/09/2023	
7	Montserrat	II round	In process
8	Nauru	IV round	In process
9	San Marino	26/09/2023	
10	Solomon Islands	IV round	In process
11	Timor Leste	IV round	In process
12	Turkmenistan	26/09/2023	
13	Uzbekistan	26/09/2023	
14	Faroe Islands	04/04/2023	
15	Tokelau	02/04/2023	

<sup>i</sup> 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