



THE SEA CONTAINER TASK FORCE (SCTF) 2018 WORK PLAN *WITH ACTION ITEMS*

With respect to monitoring uptake and efficacy of the CTU Code:

- Industry will investigate and implement reporting of numbers of contaminated (Pest contaminated in IPPC terms) containers returned or positioned to container depots. It was agreed that a representative sample consisting of 2 or 3 major shipping lines would serve for this purpose initially with the intention to expand reporting further should it be deemed necessary based on sample findings.

Such reporting will be on a gross basis, that is to say, simply numbers of contaminated containers dealt with. The purpose of this is to provide simple trend monitoring over time, which will enable an assessment of the uptake and effectiveness of the CTU code provisions.

Action: COA, Mr Rysz

Timeline: 12 months

- It is recognised that there are a multitude of Container cleaning guidelines in use within the shipping industry and that some form of alignment with respect to the cleaning of pest contamination is required. Industry will be engaged at various industry forums to encourage acceptance and adoption of the joint Industry Guidelines for Cleaning of Containers and subsequent amendment of existing guidelines where appropriate.

Action: COA, WSC (to be discussed and confirmed)

Timeline: 12 months

- China noted that the IICL Guidelines for Container Cleaning is in common use in Chinese container depots. Inclusion of the Industry Guidelines for Container Cleaning in this document is recognised as highly desirable as, in addition to the cleaning documents above it has widespread industry usage. The IICL should thus be reached out to and requested to include the Industry Guidelines for Container Cleaning in their own documentation.

Action: Mr Downes

Timeline: 12 months

- The Task Force concluded that monitoring by NPPOs to gauge the uptake and effect of the CTU code adoption over time is necessary in addition to Industry cleaning data. It was agreed to request the Implementation Committee (IC) and IPPC Secretariat to make a call to ascertain which NPPOs can provide such data and/or who are currently undertaking such monitoring.

Once the results of the call are received the SCTF will collect data, review the findings and decide which of the above is applicable for baseline and on-going monitoring.

Action: Mr Albakri

Timeline: Discuss call request at forthcoming IC meeting in December.

- The Task Force recognised that, subsequent to the call above, other NPPOs may wish to undertake monitoring and reporting and that they should be encouraged to do so. To assist in this it was agreed that guidance on what should be reported and a suitable format to do so would be useful. This is to be developed and made available on the SCTF website.

Action: Mr Karri

Timeline: 2 months for consultation and reporting template agreement

With respect to Communication/Increasing Awareness

- NPPOs should attend SC industry events to foster awareness and cooperation. It is recognised that this may be limited by budgetary constraints
- Develop guidance and best-practice sharing. Liaise with IPPC Integration and Support Unit to determine how this can be achieved
- Enhance website for Sea Container Pest Management guidance on the IPP
- Communication kit for NPPOs and RPPOs
- Social Media
 - Facebook
 - Twitter
- IPPC branded outreach material
- Risk guidance material able to be “local” branded and freely shared

Action: Mrs Marie-Claude Forest and Mr Mike Downes

- IPPC guidance/fact sheets – translated into FAO languages. Proposed that the excellent flyer distributed in the US and Canada (see attachment) is used as the basis for other region/country specific fact sheets subject to agreement from the US and Canada.

Action: Mrs Beltz

Timeline: Two months

- Determine what is already available both as existing NPPO guidance and in use nationally by NPPOs. Select and make available the most suitable material in an easy to access forum for both Industry and NPPOs.

Action: Ms Waghorn

Timeline: 6 months

- WCO AEO – proposal to add IPPC requirements to point number 7 of the AEO requirements. Liaise with WCO to assess feasibility.

Action: Mr Hesselink

Timeline: 12 months

- Pilot to assess what donor agency support e.g. WB is required to set up a basis for managing risk of sea containers in developing countries.

Action: Ms Morrissey

Timeline: End January 2018

- Regulations – encourage compliance in national regulations “consistent with” IPPC/CTU Code guidelines
- In order to assist NPPOs to establish monitoring regimes there is a need to establish how many have no regulatory basis for doing so. In addition, if a regulatory basis does exist, what authority is then delegated to NPPOs? An IC call is requested to establish this information.

Action: Mr Albakri

Timeline: Discuss call request at forthcoming IC meeting in December.