

# Commodity and pathway ISPMs

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# Background

- Efforts had been made to develop **commodity and pathway ISPMs** and how to progress them has been discussed many times.
- A **Working Group** on the Concept of a Commodity Standard was convened in **2015**.
- The concept of commodity and pathway specific ISPMs is an **objective** in the **draft IPPC Strategic Framework 2020-2030**.
- **CPM-11 (2016)** agreed that such ISPMs should focus on defining **requirements or guidance** for use when **harmonizing phytosanitary measures**.



# Commodities and pathways ISPMs

**7 out of 42 ISPMs** (1993-2018)



**2 ISPMs** address risk from particular **pathways**:

- ISPM 15 (2002) and ISPM 41(2017)




**5 ISPMs** cover **commodities**:

ISPM 33 (2010), ISPM 36 (2012), ISPM 38 (2017), ISPM 39 (2017)  
and ISPM 40 (2017)



These “**commodity and pathway standards**” differ in structure, content and breadth of coverage.

# Difficulties encountered



## Commodities and pathways ISPMs

Most of these ISPMs provide **information** to NPPOs to be used when conducting **pest risk analysis** (PRA) and for establishing **phytosanitary measures** harmonized to the **requirements** contained in the ISPM.

However, **not all** of these ISPMs include **specific requirements** for use when **harmonizing phytosanitary measures**. The adoption of ISPM 39 (“wood”) was the subject of an objection because it was not specific enough.

Three other **draft ISPMs for commodities** are being developed but are **difficult to reach consensus on** (wood products and handicrafts, grains, cut flowers and foliage).

# Questions posed by the SC

in their paper to CPM-13:

<https://www.ippc.int/en/publications/85583/>

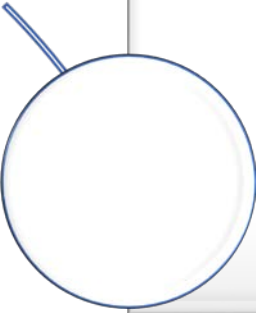
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2. **Broad or narrow scope** of ISPMs for commodities and pathways?

3. **Pest or quarantine pest** in ISPMs for commodities and pathways?

4. Should ISPMs for commodities and pathways include **requirements** or obligations **for importing countries**?

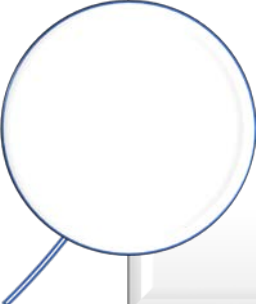
# Discussion at CPM-13 (2018)



CPM-13 (2018) discussed the **purpose, benefits and outcomes** of commodity and pathway standards. It was clear that there is not a “**one size fits all**” **solution**. It was proposed to **learn from practice** (e.g. regional standards).



CPM-13 agreed to convene a **focus group** to consolidate these lessons learned in a **policy paper** to CPM-14 through SPG 2018.



Additionally, the CPM-13 requested **CPs** and **RPPOs** to provide **reference materials** that could help the focus group with its tasks, including **country comments** on the questions posed by the SC **by 31 August 2018**.

# Focus group (3-5 October 2018)

## MAIN TASKS:

1. Analyze, and consequently define, the **strategic value** and **purpose** of commodity and pathway standards against the IPPC strategic objectives.
2. Capture **principles and criteria** for their development and use with reference to **practical examples**.
3. Assess **processes used** to develop and use them.
4. **Illustrate** those aspects and how such standards could be structured **with examples** of possible commodity or pathway standards.
5. Evaluate the **role** of global vs. national **pest risk analysis** on this approach.



# Focus group (3-5 October 2018)

- Call for experts open from 18 June – 31 July 2018:  
<https://www.ippc.int/en/core-activities/standards-setting/calls-experts/2018-06-call-for-experts-focus-group-on-commodity-and-pathway-standards-technical-panel-of-the-glossary/>
- The Terms of Reference are available at:  
<https://www.ippc.int/en/publications/86062/>
- Membership as of June 2018:
  - SC Representative: Mr Ezequiel FERRO (Argentina)
  - IC Representative: Mr Dominique PELLETIER (Canada)
  - Bureau Representatives: Ms Lois RANSOM (Australia) and Mr Greg Wolff (Canada)
- Call for reference material until 31 August 2018:  
<https://www.ippc.int/en/calls/call-for-reference-material-to-assist-the-focus-group-on-commodity-and-pathway-standards/>





# Open discussion...

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