

# Commission on Phytosanitary Measures

**Draft CPM Recommendation on:  
safe provision of food and other aid to prevent  
the introduction of plant pests during an  
emergency situation (2018-026)**

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# The challenge

- As a consequence of climate change, the number of extreme weather events is increasing.
- Food aid has rightly been credited with saving millions of lives in emergency situations.
- National plant protection organizations (NPPO) had come under intense pressure to allow the entry of relief aid even where there was a significant risk of introducing plant pests.
- Pests entering with donated goods, are more likely to result in pest establishment and long-term impact on the economy and environment in the affected area.



## Background (1)

- The action to prevent the international movement of pests to countries requiring emergency aid aligns with all the IPPC strategic objectives concerning safe trade.
- The Pacific Plant Protection Organisation (PPPO) proposed a concept standard on that issue in the 2018 *Call for topics*.
- The PPPO revised its proposal into a draft **CPM recommendation** which was accepted by CPM-14 (2019).
- The CPM-14 decided that draft CPM recommendation is submitted for **consultation** in 2019.

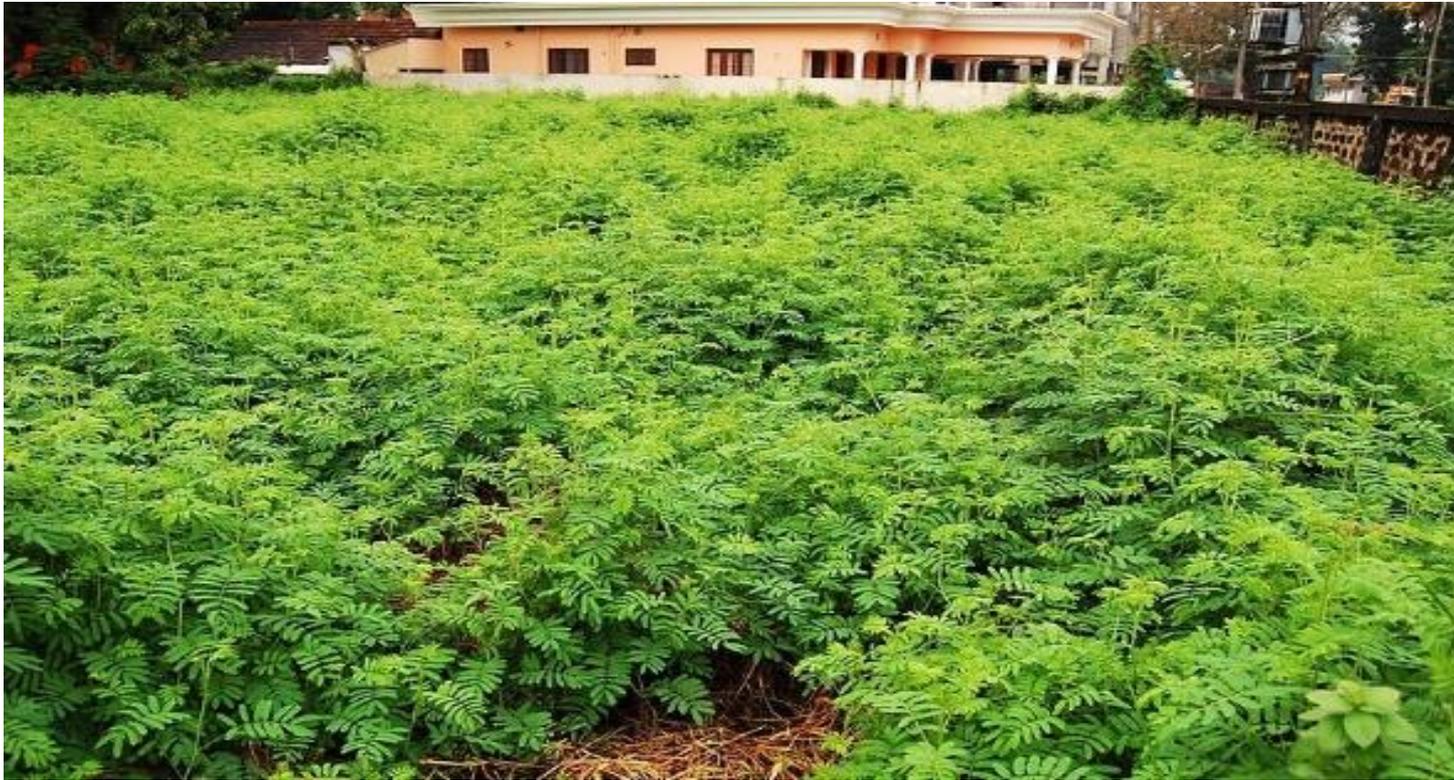


## Background (2)

- Guidance is particularly necessary for the reason that :
  - aid providers are not involved in normal commercial trading pathways and are not aware of phytosanitary risk;
  - this would help aid providers plan to address the phytosanitary risk associated with aid before it is called on;
  - normal regulatory management operations in the affected area could be compromised by the situation;
  - aid providers can create efficiencies in their procurement, storage, treatment and shipping processes to integrate safe practices.
  
- Many countries have experience in this area and can help to formulate practical guidance



## Example : sand for reconstruction following cyclone introduced invasive specie of weed “giant mimosa” (*Mimosa diplotrica*)



Author : [Challiyan](#) at [Malayalam Wikipedia](#)

## Examples : pests transmitted by seeds



*Pantoea stewartii* (ERWIST) - <https://gd.eppo.int>

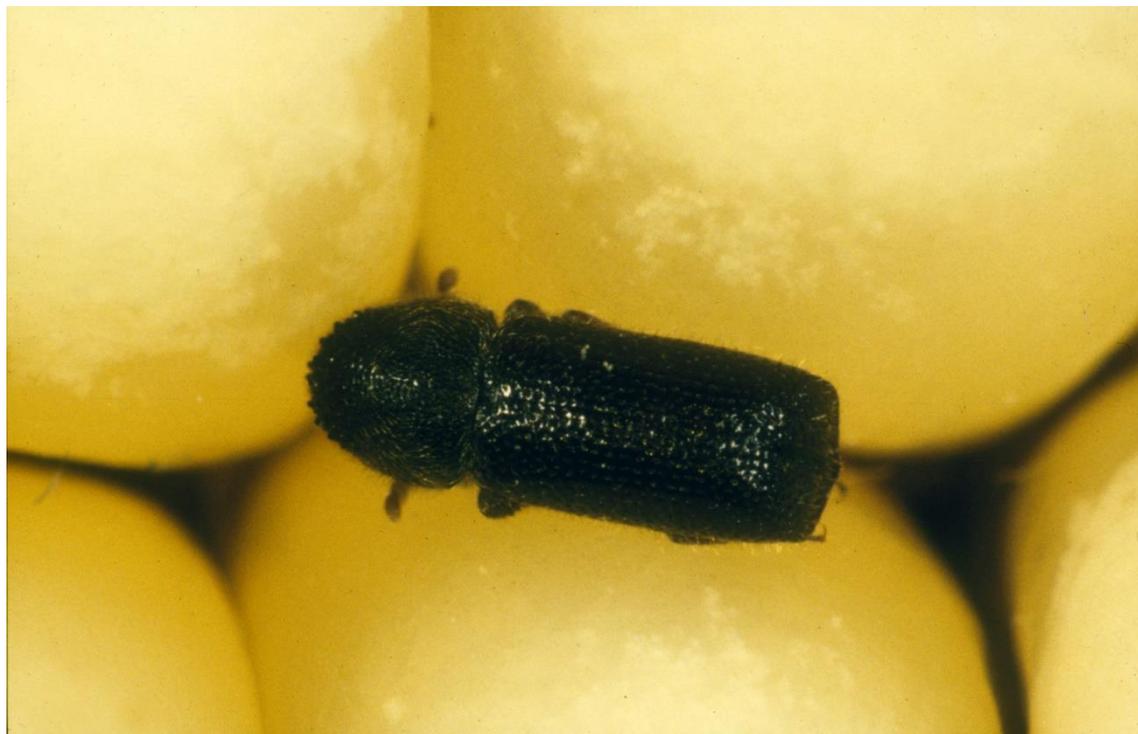
From EPPO : on maize, bacteria *Pantoea stewartii*



*Clavibacter michiganensis* subsp. *michiganensis* (CORBMI) - <https://gd.eppo.int>

From EPPO : on tomato, bacteria *Clavibacter michiganensis* subsp *michiganensis*

# Example : the introduction of the great grain borer, *Prostephanus truncatus*, into Africa



From Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Research Organisation (CSIRO)

## Draft CPM recommendation (1)

- The CPM encourages contracting parties and RPPOs to :
  - *Undertake* emergency responses planning;
  - *Raise* awareness to aid agencies and other stakeholders on the phytosanitary risk and the need to manage this risk ;
  - *Use* the guidance in Appendixes 1 and 2 attached to the recommendation;

## Draft CPM recommendation (2)

- *Partner* with aid agencies to better plan for the safe operation of their programmes;
- *Encourage* the pre-treatment or pre-clearance of food or other aid;
- *Provide* information to aid agencies and other stakeholders to reduce the movement of goods posing a phytosanitary risk.



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