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I. Introduction

1. The Commission on Phytosanitary Measures (CPM) have been adopting CPM Recommendations for many years¹.
2. A contracting party (CP) or the IPPC Secretariat, following the CPM Recommendations process and the agreed criteria², may propose a topic for a CPM Recommendation and present it to the CPM.
3. An initial draft of the proposed CPM Recommendation and the rationale or justification for its need should be presented to the CPM for consideration through the IPPC Secretariat (ippc@fao.org). In case if the CPM agrees with any proposals, the consultation period will be for a period of three months and it will start on the 01 July of that year via the Online Comment System (OCS).

II. Review of CPM Recommendations in the work programme

4. CPM-14(2019)³ considered the need for a CPM recommendation to encourage contracting parties to prepare for managing the phytosanitary risks associated with the export and import of food and other aid during an emergency situation, in order to reduce the introduction of plant pests in these circumstances. CPM-14 also agreed to the inclusion of the topic: “*Safe Provision of food and other aid*”

¹ CPM Recommendations adopted: <https://www.ippc.int/en/core-activities/governance/cpm/cpm-recommendations-1/cpm-recommendations/>

² CPM Recommendations process: <https://www.ippc.int/en/core-activities/governance/cpm/cpm-recommendations-1/cpm-recommendations/recommendations-procedure/>

³ <https://www.ippc.int/en/publications/87271/>

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to prevent the introduction of plant pests during an emergency situation (2018-026)” in the CPM Work Programme and approved the draft CPM Recommendation for country consultation.

5. Following this request, The Secretariat circulated draft CPM recommendation for country consultation between 1 July and 30 September 2019 using the OCS, with a view to presenting a final version for adoption at CPM-15 (2020).

6. Through this process, 508 comments were received (compiled comments are publically available on the International Phytosanitary Portal (IPP)⁴.) and have been addressed by the Secretariat and the submitting country to the maximum extent possible.

7. Revised text with supporting documents was presented to the CPM Bureau December 2019 virtual meeting.

8. Most of the contracting parties supported this CPM Recommendation and some expressed that this topic be kept in the work programme for the development of an ISPM, as it was originally submitted to during the 2018 Call for topics and implementation.

9. Many incorporated comments related to the use of terminology consistent with the International Plant Protection Convention (IPPC) and International Standard for Phytosanitary Measures (ISPM) 5 (*Glossary of phytosanitary terms*).

10. Bureau considered the comments with regards to mentioning World Organization for Animal Health (OIE). In addition, Bureau reviewed risks posed by provision of aid in this CPM recommendation, noting the comments from Contracting Parties.

11. The issue of the very broad scope, raised by some contracting parties, and suggestion for having two separate CPM Recommendations was also discussed by the Bureau.

12. The Secretariat noted that the draft CPM Recommendation on the topic of contaminating pests is being further developed and the Strategic Planning Group⁵ recommended to CPM-15 for consideration in view of its approval for consultation, so the timing is convenient for this option.

13. The Bureau, could not agree on whether to have the issue of aid, and all of the related risks, described in one CPM Recommendation or to have two recommendations accompanying each other.

14. The Bureau also discussed several concerns with regard to the Appendices, while several other comments supported the inclusion of them. The Bureau was not able to consider which Appendices should be retained or removed, and their sequence.

15. The Bureau considered the points mentioned above along with the responses to comments and was not able to recommend the draft CPM Recommendation on “*Safe provision of food and other aid to prevent the introduction of plant pests during an emergency situation (2018-026)*” to CPM-15 (2020) for adoption.

16. Instead, the CPM Bureau deemed necessary to send the draft CPM Recommendation for one more round of country consultation in 2020.

III. Decisions

17. The CPM is invited to:

4 Compiled comments on draft CPM Recommendation “Safe provision of food and other aid to prevent the introduction of plant pests during an emergency situation (2018-026)”: <https://www.ippc.int/en/core-activities/governance/cpm/current-consultations-for-cpm-recommendations/>

5 <https://www.ippc.int/en/publications/88014/>

- 1) Agree that a draft CPM recommendation “ *Safe provision of food and other aid to prevent the introduction of plant pests during an emergency situation (2018-026)*” is circulated for additional round of country consultation between 1 July and 30 September 2020 using the OCS, with a view to presenting a final version for adoption at CPM-16 (2021)