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# 2019 in terms of Standard Setting activities

3 ISPMs recommended for adoption by CPM 15 (2020) – delayed, as the meeting of the CPM had to be cancelled.

1. Draft 2018 amendments to ISPM 5: Glossary of phytosanitary terms (1994-001)
2. Draft Revision of ISPM 8: Determination of pest status in an area (2009-005)
3. Draft ISPM: Requirements for the use of modified atmosphere treatments as phytosanitary measures (2014-006).



# 2020 May meeting cancelled

The SC is striving to adapt and be innovative in order to maintain their standard setting work.

- 23 e-decisions took place since last November
- Virtual meetings - further items are discussed online from the 2020 SC May agenda
- The SC worked through the Online Comment System to review and **approve 3 draft standards** for first consultation





# Consultation on standards

CPM Bureau at their special session on 17 June agreed to continue the development of **commodity standards** under the regular standard setting process, and decided to send for consultation the draft standard on Commodities and the Specification to establish a Technical Panel on Commodity Standards .

Contracting parties are invited to provide their comments on the following draft ISPMs by the 30 September:

- 4 ISPMs for first consultation
  1. 2020 Amendments to **ISPM 5** (*Glossary on phytosanitary terms*)
  2. Focused **revision of ISPM 12** in relation to **re-export**”
  3. **Audits** in the phytosanitary context
  4. Draft ISPM: Commodity-based standards for phytosanitary measures
- 12 Phytosanitary Treatments (7 for second consultation, and 5 for first consultation).





# Consultation on Specifications

## 3 specifications (comments by the 31 August):

- Design and use of systems approaches for phytosanitary certification of seeds (2018-009) – Annex to ISPM 38 (*International movement of seeds*)
- Criteria for the determining host status of fruit to fruit flies based on available information – Annex to ISPM 37 (*Determination of host status of fruit to fruit flies (Tephritidae)*).
- Technical Panel on Commodity Standards (TPCS) (2019-009)





# Future work

The SC discussed the need for the **reorganization of standards related to Pest risk analysis (PRA)** and draw options to deliver the task, asking for the guidance and endorsement of the CPM (Consequently the draft ISPM on pest risk management is on hold).

The Bureau (on behalf of the CPM):

- agreed to reorganize the PRA related standards;
- Suggested to have an overarching standard and annexes for each stage of the PRA process





# Future work

The SC could not reach consensus to recommend the draft ISPM: *Requirements for NPPOs if **authorizing entities** to perform phytosanitary actions* (2014-002) to CPM-15 (2020) for adoption. SC requested guidance on how to progress with the draft (see CPM 2020/20).

The Bureau (on behalf of the CPM):

- Suggested to submit the draft ISPM for addition and let the CPM discuss the conceptual concerns

*A **webinar** is being organized for all interested parties to discuss the concept of authorization and the challenges countries are facing. Follow the IPP news for the agenda and date of the webinar.*





# Future work (cont'd)

Standard setting meetings coming up:

- **2 Expert Working Group (EWG)** planned early next year:
  - *EWG: Use of specific import authorizations*
  - *EWG: Revision of ISPM 4 on Requirements for the establishment of pest free areas*
- **3 Technical panel meetings**
  - Technical Panel on the Glossary
  - Technical Panel on Diagnostic protocols
  - Technical Panel on Phytosanitary Treatments





# Other priority issues of the SC

## Collaboration between SC and IC.

- The Framework for standards and implementation (FSI) was successfully reformatted and updated to align with the Strategic Framework 2020-2030.
- The SC and IC are both assigning representatives to attend each other's meetings e.g to coordinate implementation issues with standards

**Regional workshops.** The SC members of each of the regions are striving to participate in the IPPC Regional Workshops and facilitate the discussion around the standards under consultation.

**IYPH.** The SC supports the International Year of Plant Health (IYPH) esp. to raise awareness of plant health and the role of the IPPC and phytosanitary standards in protecting plant health.





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