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Work Programme for Harmonization Standard Setting

Agenda Item 7.1 of the Provisional Agenda

1. The work programme for the establishment of international standards for phytosanitary measures (ISPMs) is summarized below. Two draft ISPMs have been distributed to governments for consultation. One ISPM has been completed and is submitted to the Interim Commission on Phytosanitary Measures (ICPM) for adoption. In addition, the Glossary of phytosanitary terms (ISPM No. 5) has been revised and is submitted to the ICPM for approval. Two additional standards are planned for distribution to governments for consultation late in 1999.

2. Status of the work programme for the establishment of ISPMs.

a) ISPMs completed and the year of their adoption:

- No. 1: Principles of plant quarantine as related to international trade; 1995
- No. 2: Guidelines for pest risk analysis; 1995
- No. 3: Code of conduct for the import and release of exotic biological control agents; 1995
- No. 4: Requirements for the establishment of pest free areas; 1995
- No. 5: Glossary of Phytosanitary Terms; 1995 (by the CEPM)
- No. 6: Guidelines for surveillance; 1997
- No. 7: Export certification system; 1997
- No. 8: Determination of pest status in an area; 1998
- No. 9: Guidelines for pest eradication programmes; 1998

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- b) CEPM approved ISPMs recommended for endorsement by the ICPM in 1999 (Agenda Item 5):
 - Requirements for the establishment of pest free places of production and pest free production sites
 - Glossary of phytosanitary terms (Revised)
 - c) Draft ISPMs approved by the CEPM for distribution to Members and RPPOs for consultation:
 - Guidelines for phytosanitary certificates
 - Pest risk analysis for quarantine pests
 - d) Draft ISPMs having comments from consultation and returned to the Secretariat for further development:
 - Inspection methodology
 - e) Draft ISPMs pending review and approval by the CEPM for government consultation:
 - Guidelines for an import regulatory system
 - Guidelines for surveillance for specific pests: citrus canker
 - f) Completed ISPMs currently open for revision:
 - ISPM No. 1 Principles of plant quarantine as related to international trade
 - ISPM No. 2 Guidelines for pest risk analysis
 - g) ISPMs for which drafts are being prepared:
 - General considerations and specific requirements for regulated non-quarantine pests (working group began drafting; additional expert input is required)
 - Guidelines for the preparation of regulated pest lists (working group scheduled for late 1999)
 - Procedures for notification of non-compliance and interceptions (working group for 1999 postponed)
 - h) ISPMs for which discussion papers have been prepared or drafts submitted:
 - Systems approaches for risk management (discussion paper done by the Secretariat)
 - Import requirements for non-manufactured wood packing material (draft standard submitted by NAPPO)

The ICPM is requested to review the status of the work programme and consider the recommendations emanating from discussions under Agenda Item 4 (Standard setting priorities) in developing guidance for the Secretariat regarding the direction and priorities for the work programme.