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I. INTRODUCTION

1. Three documents, given in Annexes I-III are submitted to the ICPM for consideration. Two of these documents are new ISPMs:

- *Guidelines for a phytosanitary import regulatory system*; and
- *Pest risk analysis for regulated non-quarantine pests*.

One is a supplement to an existing ISPM:

- Supplement to ISPM No. 11 (*Pest risk analysis for quarantine pests*): *Pest risk analysis for living modified organisms*.

2. These three drafts went through the process of country consultation in June 2003 after consideration by the Standards Committee Working Group (SC-7) in May 2003. Substantive, technical, translation and editorial comments were received from 24 individual countries, the EC and its Members States, and one Regional Plant Protection Organization (RPPO). Comments arising from four IPPC Regional Workshops on draft ISPMs were also considered (attended by 62 countries from Asia/Pacific, Near East, Latin America/Caribbean and French-speaking Africa, some of them having sent individual national comments after the workshops). Over 300 separate comments were received on each draft standard. The Standards Committee considered each comment individually in revising the draft standards for submission to ICPM.

II. GUIDELINES FOR A PHYTOSANITARY IMPORT REGULATORY SYSTEM (Annex I)

3. The first draft on an import regulatory system was elaborated by an Expert Working Group (WG) in April 1996 in Mexico city. This draft was amended several times based on the experts' comments and successive drafts were presented to the 3rd and 4th CEPMs (May 1997 and 1998), and to the 1st and 2nd Interim Standards Committee (May and November 2000). In May

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2001, the 3rd Interim Standards Committee suggested that a sub-committee meeting be convened to work on this standard, and this was held in April 2002. The resulting draft was referred in May 2002 to the 1st Standards Committee, which did not have time to consider it in detail. It was consequently reviewed by the SC-7 in May 2003, which approved a draft that was distributed to governments for consultation in June 2003.

4. In November 2003, comments from the consultation process were considered by the SC which revised the draft. This was further adjusted by the Standards Committee (SC-20), and was approved for submission to the ICPM as Annex I.

5. The ICPM is invited to:

Adopt as ISPM No. 20: Guidelines for a phytosanitary import regulatory system, contained in Annex I.

III. GUIDELINES FOR PEST RISK ANALYSIS FOR REGULATED NON-QUARANTINE PESTS (Annex II)

6. The 4th Session of the ICPM (March 2002) agreed that a standard be elaborated on pest risk analysis for regulated non-quarantine pests. The Secretariat, in collaboration with EPPO, organized a WG that met in February 2003 in Wageningen (Netherlands) to address the topic. The WG prepared a draft which was referred to the meeting of the SC-7 in May 2003. The SC-7 reviewed and approved the draft for distribution to governments for consultation in June 2003.

7. In November 2003, comments from the consultation process were considered by the SC and the draft was further adjusted by the SC-20, and approved for submission to the ICPM as Annex II.

8. The ICPM is invited to:

Adopt as ISPM No. 21: Pest risk analysis for regulated non-quarantine pests, contained in Annex II

IV. SUPPLEMENT TO ISPM NO 11 (PEST RISK ANALYSIS FOR QUARANTINE PESTS : PEST RISK ANALYSIS FOR LIVING MODIFIED ORGANISMS (Annex III)

9. The Fourth Session of the ICPM (March 2002) approved a specification for a standard on living modified organisms (LMOs). The Secretariat organized a WG that met in September 2002 in Ottawa (Canada) to address the topic of risk analysis for LMOs. The working group prepared a draft that followed ISPM No. 11 (*Pest risk analysis for quarantine pests*). The draft was designed as a supplement to ISPM No. 11 based on the view of the experts that the process is essentially identical, but certain additional guidance is required to highlight key points for the application of the process to LMOs.

10. The draft supplement prepared by the WG was referred to the SC meeting in May 2003, which approved a slightly modified draft that was distributed to governments for consultation in June 2003.

11. Comments collected by the Secretariat were examined by the SC in November 2003. A significant issue in the use of ISPM No. 11 for pest risk analysis for LMOs is the need to determine if the LMO being considered has any potential pest characteristics and therefore needs to be subject to pest risk analysis according to ISPM No. 11. The SC noted that this was a general issue, not limited to LMOs, which will be considered in the revision of ISPM No. 2 (*Guidelines for pest risk analysis*). It recommended that the supplementary text on pest risk analysis for LMOs

should be approved, but that it may be appropriate to revise it when the revision of ISPM No. 2 is completed.

12. The ICPM is invited to:

1. *Note* that there were very few substantial disagreements on technical points raised in the comments on the draft LMO supplement indicating broad agreement with the technical content.
2. *Note* that a significant issue in the use of ISPM No. 11 for pest risk analysis for LMOs is the need to determine if the LMO being considered has any potential pest characteristics and therefore needs to be subjected to pest risk analysis according to ISPM No. 11.
3. *Note* that the general issue of determining if an organism is a potential pest, and therefore should be subjected to pest risk analysis, will be considered in the revision of ISPM No. 2 (*Guidelines for pest risk analysis*) and it may be appropriate to revise the supplementary text on LMOs when the revision is completed.
4. *Adopt* the supplementary text on LMOs and provide guidance to the Secretariat on how this new text should be incorporated into ISPM No. 11 Rev. 1.