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Establishment of a Subsidiary Body for Standard Setting under the CPM

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I. Introduction

1. At its third session in 2001, the Interim Commission on Phytosanitary Measures (ICPM) established the Standards Committee, to act as the subsidiary body for standard setting under the ICPM. The ICPM also adopted Terms of reference (TOR) and Rules of procedure (ROP) for the Standards Committee, which were amended at ICPM-7 in 2005. With the coming into force of the new revised text of the IPPC on 2 October 2005, the FAO Conference and the ICPM cease to be the governing bodies of the IPPC and are replaced by the Commission on Phytosanitary Measures (CPM).

II. Establishment of a subsidiary body for standard-setting under the CPM

2. The draft ROP of the CPM (see Document CPM 2006/5) provide that “*The Commission may establish such subsidiary bodies as it deems necessary for the accomplishment of its functions*”. In order to continue the standard setting work programme under the CPM, the CPM may find it necessary to establish a subsidiary body on standard setting and may wish to consider the arrangements made for the Standards Committee established by the ICPM (hereafter ICPM-SC). The CPM may find it also beneficial to name this subsidiary body on standard setting “Standards Committee” in order to use well-established terminology and to avoid confusion.

3. If the CPM decides to establish a subsidiary body on standard setting, the CPM should also adopt TOR and ROP for its standard-setting body. Draft TOR and ROP based on the TOR and ROP of the ICPM-SC are provided in Annex 1.

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4. If the CPM decides to establish a subsidiary body on standard setting, the CPM should also confirm members for its standard-setting body. According to the draft ROP in Annex 1, members for the standard-setting body should be nominated by the FAO regions and confirmed by CPM-1. FAO regions may wish to consider using the expertise acquired over the last years. Annex 2 lists the members of the ICPM-SC.

5. The CPM is invited to:

1. *Establish* a subsidiary body on standard setting and naming it the 'Standards Committee'
2. *Consider* the draft TOR and ROP proposed in Annex 1 and, as appropriate, *adopt* them.
3. *Confirm* the membership of the subsidiary body on standard setting (with members and potential replacements as appropriate to the TOR and ROP).

Annex 1

**DRAFT TERMS OF REFERENCE AND RULES OF PROCEDURE FOR
THE CPM STANDARDS COMMITTEE****Terms of reference****1. Scope**

The SC manages the standard-setting process and assists in the development of International Standards for Phytosanitary Measures (ISPMs) which have been identified by the CPM as priority standards.

2. Objective

The main objective of the SC is to prepare draft ISPMs according to the standard-setting procedures in the most expeditious manner for adoption by the CPM.

3. Structure of the Standards Committee

The SC consists of 25 members drawn from each of the FAO regions. The distribution for each region will be:

- Africa (4)
- Asia (4)
- Europe (4)
- Latin America and the Caribbean (4)
- Near East (4)
- North America (2)
- Southwest Pacific (3)

Temporary or permanent working groups, and drafting groups consisting of SC members, may be established by the SC as required. SC working groups are selected by the SC from its membership.

A SC working group of 7 members, the SC-7, is selected by the SC from its membership. The functions of the SC-7 and other SC working groups are determined by the SC.

4. Functions of the Standards Committee

The SC serves as a forum for:

- examination and approval or amendment of specifications;
- review of specifications;
- designation of members of SC working groups and identification of tasks of the groups;
- establishment and disestablishment of expert working groups and technical panels as appropriate;
- designation of membership of expert working groups, technical panels and drafting groups as required;
- review of draft ISPMs;
- approval of draft standards to be submitted to CPM Members under the country consultation procedure;
- establishment of open-ended discussion groups where appropriate;
- revision of draft ISPMs in cooperation with the IPPC Secretariat taking into account comments of CPM Members and RPPOs;
- approval of final drafts of ISPMs for submission to the CPM;
- review of existing ISPMs and identification and review of those requiring reconsideration;
- identification of priorities for ISPMs under development;
- ensuring that language used in draft ISPMs is clear, simple and focused;
- assigning stewardship for each ISPM ; and

- other functions related to standard setting as directed by the CPM.

5. IPPC Secretariat

The Secretariat provides administrative, technical and editorial support as required by the SC. The Secretariat is responsible for reporting and record keeping regarding the standard-setting programme.

Rules of procedure

Rule 1. Membership

Members should be senior officials of National Plant Protection Organizations (NPPO), designated by contracting parties, and have qualifications in a scientific biological discipline (or equivalent) in plant protection, and experience and skills particularly in the:

- practical operation of a national or international phytosanitary system;
- administration of a national or international phytosanitary system; and
- application of phytosanitary measures related to international trade.

Contracting parties agree that SC members dedicate the necessary time to participate in a regular and systematic way in the meetings.

Each FAO region may devise its own procedures for selecting its members of the SC. The IPPC Secretariat is notified of the selections that are submitted to the CPM for confirmation.

The SC is responsible for selecting the SC-7 members from within its membership. Members selected for the SC-7 will meet the above-mentioned qualifications and experience.

Rule 2. Replacement of members

Each FAO region shall, following its own procedures, nominate potential replacements for members of the SC and submit them to the CPM for confirmation. Once confirmed, potential replacements are valid for the same periods of time as specified in Rule 3. These potential replacements should meet the qualifications for membership set forth in these Rules. Each FAO region shall identify a maximum of two potential replacements. Where a region nominates two, it should indicate the order in which they would serve as replacements under this Rule.

A member of the SC will be replaced by a confirmed potential replacement from within the same region if the member resigns, no longer meets the qualifications for membership set forth in these Rules, or fails to attend two consecutive meetings of the SC.

The national IPPC contact point should communicate to the Secretariat any circumstances where a member from its country needs to be replaced. The Secretariat should inform the relevant FAO regional chair.

A replacement will serve through the completion of the term of the original member, and may be nominated to serve additional terms.

Rule 3. Period of Membership

Members of the SC shall serve for terms of three years. Members may serve no more than two terms, unless a region submits a request to the CPM for an exemption to allow a member from within its region to serve an additional term. In that case, the member may serve an additional term. Regions may submit requests for additional exemptions for the same member on a term-by-term basis. Partial terms served by replacements shall not be counted as a term under these Rules.

Membership of the SC-7 lapses with membership of the SC or upon resignation.

Replacements to the SC-7 are selected by the SC.

Rule 4. Chairperson

The Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson of the SC are elected by the SC from its membership and serve for three years, with a possibility of re-election for one additional term of three years. The Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson may serve in these capacities only when a member of the SC.

The Chairperson of the SC-7 is elected by members of the SC-7. The term is for three years with the possibility of re-election for one additional term of three years. The Chairperson of the SC-7 may serve in this capacity only when a member of the SC.

Rule 5. Sessions

Meetings of the SC are normally held at FAO Headquarters in Rome.

The SC meets at least once per year.

Depending on the workload and resources available, the SC or the Secretariat, in consultation with the Bureau of the CPM, may request additional meetings of the SC. In particular, the SC may need to meet after the CPM meeting in order to prepare draft standards for country consultation.

Depending on the workload and resources available, the SC, in consultation with the Secretariat and the Bureau of the CPM, may authorize the SC-7 or extraordinary working groups of the SC to meet.

A session of the SC shall not be declared open unless there is a quorum. The presence of a majority of the members of the SC is necessary to constitute a quorum.

Rule 6. Approval

Approvals relating to specifications or draft standards are sought by consensus. Final drafts of ISPMs which have been approved by the SC are submitted to the CPM without undue delay.

Rule 7. Observers

For observer status, Rule 7 of the Rules of Procedure of the CPM will apply.

Rule 8. Reports

SC meeting records shall be kept by the Secretariat. The report of the meetings shall include:

- approval of draft specifications for ISPMs
- finalization of specifications with a detailed explanation including reasons for changes
- reasons why a draft standard has not been approved
- a generic summary of SC reactions to classes of comments made in the country consultation
- draft standards that are sent for country consultation and draft standards recommended for adoption by the CPM.

The Secretariat shall endeavour to provide to CPM Members upon request the rationale of the SC for accepting or not accepting proposals for modifications to specifications or draft standards.

A report on the activities of the SC shall be made by the Chairperson of the SC to the annual session of the CPM.

Reports of SC meetings shall be adopted by the SC before they are made available to Members of the CPM and RPPOs.

Rule 9. Language

The business of the SC shall be conducted in the [five FAO working] languages.

Rule 10. Amendments

Amendments to the Rules of Procedures and the Terms of Reference may be promulgated by the CPM as required.

Annex 2

**MEMBERS AND POTENTIAL REPLACEMENTS OF THE ICPM STANDARDS
COMMITTEE**

A- Members

FAO Region	Country	Name
Africa	Morocco	Abdellah CHALLAOUI
	Nigeria	Gabriel Olayiwola ADEJARE
	South Africa	Mike HOLTZHAUSEN
	Uganda	Robert KARYEIIJA
Near East	Iran	Ali ALIZADEH ALIABADI
	Jordan	Mohammad R. KATBEH BADER
	Sudan	Ali Ibrahim KAMAL MAHGOUB
	Yemen	Abdullah AL-SAYANI
North America	Canada	Gregory WOLFF
	USA	Narcy KLAG
Asia	China	Wang FUXIANG
	India	Obbineni RAMALINGA REDDY
	Japan	Motoi SAKAMURA
	Malaysia	Asna BOOTY OTHMAN
Europe	EC	Marc VEREECKE
	Germany	Jens-Georg UNGER
	Israel	David OPATOWSKI
	Latvia	Ringolds ARNITIS
Latin America and Caribbean	Argentina	Diego QUIROGA
	Brazil	Odilson RIBEIRO E SILVA
	Costa Rica	Magda GONZÁLEZ ARROYO
	Jamaica	Carol THOMAS ¹
Southwest Pacific	Australia	David PORRITT
	New Zealand	John HEDLEY
	Tonga	Sione FOLIAKI

B- Potential replacements

FAO region	Country	Name
Africa	Zambia	Arundel SAKALA
	Senegal	Mame Ndene LO
Asia	No replacement nominated in 2005	
Europe	No replacement nominated in 2005	
Latin America and Caribbean	No replacement nominated in 2005	
Near East	Turkey	Birol AKBAS
North America	Canada	Reinouw BAST-TJEERDE
	USA	Hesham ABUELNAGA
Southwest Pacific	Papua New Guinea	Roy Timothy Mairavi MASAMDU
	New Zealand	Gavin EDWARDS

¹ This member does not meet the requirements laid down in Rule 1 of the ROP for the ICPM-SC.