



20 June 2011

To: National Plant Protection Organizations, Regional Plant Protection Organizations and International Organizations that are contracting partners to the IPPC

Dear Sir/Madam,

The Standards Committee, at its session in May 2011, reviewed seven draft international standards for phytosanitary measures (ISPMs) and approved them for member consultation in 2011. We attach the draft ISPMs, also available at <https://www.ippc.int/index.php?id=207803>, and background information for the individual standard. The approved specifications on which basis the draft ISPMs were developed are available at <https://www.ippc.int/index.php?id=24119>.

Draft ISPMs

1. **Draft amendments to ISPM 5: Glossary of phytosanitary terms - (1994-001)**
2. **Draft revision to Supplement 1: Guidelines on the interpretation and application of the concepts of official control in relation to regulated pests and not widely distributed in relation to quarantine pests that are present in an area - (2005-008) to ISPM 5: Glossary of phytosanitary terms - (1994-001)**
3. **Draft Annex 4: Pest risk analysis for plants as quarantine pests - (2005-001) and core text changes to ISPM 11:2004: Pest risk analysis for quarantine pests including analysis of environmental risks and living modified organisms**
4. **Draft revision to Annex 1: Approved treatments associated with wood packaging material (2006-011) to ISPM 15:2009: Guidelines for regulating wood packaging in international trade**
5. **Draft Annex: Diagnostic protocol for *Trogoderma granarium* - (2004-006) to ISPM 27:2006: Diagnostic Protocol for regulated pests**
6. **Draft Annex: Vapour heat treatment of *Cucumis melo* var. *reticulatus* for *Bactrocera cucurbitae* - (2006-110) to ISPM 28:2007: Phytosanitary treatments for regulated pests**
7. **Draft Annex 4: Pest risk analysis for plants as quarantine pests - (2005-001) and core text changes to ISPM 11:2004: Pest risk analysis for quarantine pests including analysis of environmental risks and living modified organisms.**

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Submission of comments using the online comment system (OCS)

We are pleased to announce that the member consultation 2011 will be processed through the newly finalized OCS (<http://ocs.ippc.int/index.html>), which has been developed by the IPPC Secretariat to facilitate the inputting, sharing and collating of comments. While we are confident of the benefits of this system to the processing of draft ISPMs, we also realize that, as this is the first year, issues may come up. We kindly ask you to read the OCS manual, which is available on the OCS site indicated above, before using the OCS. Please contact the IPPC at IPPC@fao.org for any query you may have or guidance you may need, which cannot be answered by the OCS manual, in order for the process to run smoothly and the deadline for submission of comments to be met.

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The comments should be submitted to the Secretariat in the OCS through the official IPPC contact point.

Access to the OCS is also via the member consultation webpage of the IPP (<https://www.ippc.int/index.php?id=207803>). Note that you must have Flash 10.1 and Internet Explorer 6.0 or above to access the OCS.

Your username is the same as your IPP username. Your password will be e-mailed to you.

Please be informed that templates will not be available for submission of comments, except for cases where proper justification is provided.

Deadline

The official deadline for submitting comments is **30 September 2011** but we strongly encourage that comments are submitted before 15 September 2011. This will allow for the Standards Committee members to examine the comments in detail before their meeting in November 2011.

We look forward to receiving your input on these important draft standards.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Brent Larson", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

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