



International Standards for Phytosanitary Measures

PROTECTING PLANTS, PROTECTING LIFE

Did you know that the ISPMs are the only international standards dedicated to plant health?

International Standards for Phytosanitary Measures (ISPMs) are international instruments, recognized by the members of the World Trade Organization (WTO) as international benchmarks for trade in plant commodities. These standards are applied in international trade under the Agreement on the Application of Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures (the SPS Agreement).

The International Plant Protection Convention (IPPC) is the only internationally recognized standard setting convention for plant health.

Standards also contribute to the United Nations (UN) 2030
Agenda for Sustainable Development and the UN Sustainable
Development Goals.



The role of ISPMs

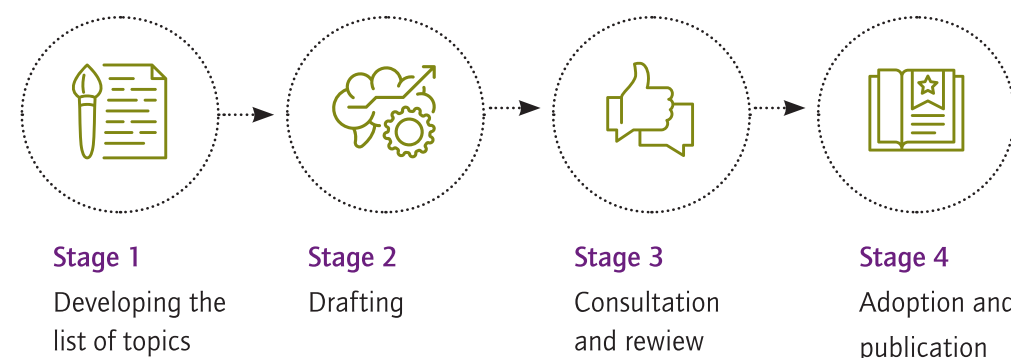
The IPPC and ISPMs are essential in the international harmonization of phytosanitary measures and in the promotion of global cooperation on the facilitation of safe trade. They help to:

- ◆ prevent the introduction and establishment of plant pests;
- ◆ protect farmers from economically devastating pest outbreaks;
- ◆ prevent damage to the environment and protect ecosystems;
- ◆ protect industries and consumers from the costs of pest control or eradication;
- ◆ facilitate international trade.

The most transparent and inclusive standard setting process

ISPMs are drafted by international experts and go through a consultation process before being adopted by the Commission on Phytosanitary Measures (CPM).

The standard setting process is overseen by the CPM Standards Committee and facilitated by the IPPC Secretariat's Standard Setting Unit.



Valuable examples of ISPMs in action...

HOW DO YOU CERTIFY THAT PLANT PRODUCTS COMPLY WITH REQUIREMENTS?

- ISPM 12 describes the certification process and ePhyto is the next step to make it more efficient.

HARMONIZED PRINCIPLES OF PEST RISK ANALYSIS (PRA)

- ISPM 2 provides a framework for the PRA process.
- ISPM 11 and ISPM 21 describe the three stages of conducting PRA.

NO HITCH-HIKERS ON WOOD PALLETS!

- ISPM 15 provides solutions to remove dangerous pests travelling with wood packaging material.

GET INVOLVED!

- » Participate in expert drafting groups and technical panels.
- » Engage with your national and regional plant protection organization.
- » Attend the Commission on Phytosanitary Measures.

WE WANT TO HEAR FROM YOU!

- » Submission of topics (every two years) and treatments continuously.
- » Consultations on draft specifications for standards.
- » Consultations on draft standards.

CONTRIBUTE!

- » Sponsor the development of a draft standard.
- » Sponsor an expert drafting group.
- » Fund a specific project.
- » Contribute to translation of documents into FAO languages.
- » Provide human resources to the IPPC Secretariat.

STANDARD SETTING PAGE



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