



STANDARD SETTING UNIT (SSU) 2022 TENTATIVE WORK PLAN

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Background

- [1] This paper presents a tentative work plan for 2022 of the work of the Standard Setting Unit (SSU). The current SSU staff and their main areas of work are presented in the [linked chart](#).
- [2] A tentative work plan for the 2021 year was presented to the Standards Committee (SC) in November 2020 in the paper “21_SC_Tel_2020_Nov” and is available on the International Phytosanitary Portal (IPP)¹.
- [3] A tentative draft list of activities for 2022 is provided in [Annex 1](#). A tentative calendar is provided in [Annex 2](#). After the 2021 November SC meeting, this document and its annexes will be made available on the IPP (<https://www.ippc.int/en/core-activities/standards-setting/>).
- [4] Besides providing support to the Standards Committee (SC) and its direct activities (e.g. discussion papers, calls, e-decisions and meetings organization), the SSU also provides support to the overall management and activities of the IPPC Technical Panels, and of the IPPC Secretariat such as task forces and working groups. The SSU also provides support to other IPPC subsidiary bodies (e.g., CPM Bureau and Strategic Planning Group (SPG)), and more recently, the SSU was assigned to be the focal points for the activities related to three development agenda items in the IPPC Strategic Framework 2020-2030: (1) commodity and pathways standards, (2) authorization of entities to perform phytosanitary actions, and (3) laboratory diagnostic networking. The SSU members also represent IPPC Secretariat in different meetings organized by FAO and partners. It is to point out that the staffing situation in the SSU has not increased in 2021, but on the contrary. Also, some formalizations with FAO is needed. Therefore, the Secretariat will need to re-visit the staffing situation in 2022.
- [5] As per the global sanitary crisis due to the COVID-19 pandemic, it is still not certain how it will be the modality for the 2022 meetings. Therefore, the SC May, SC-7, and SC November meetings most likely will take place virtually, on the pre-agreed dates of:
 - **SC May:** 09 to 13 May 2022²
 - **SC-7:** 16 to 20 May 2022
 - **SC November:** 14 to 18 November 2022
- [6] The 2022 Expert Working Groups and Technical Panels are also planned to meet virtually.
- [7] Moreover, continued “focused meetings” of the SC will be proposed as needed. It is advisable that the SC meets after the CPM-16 and prior the SC May to assign stewards and to revise draft Specifications on the topics that CPM-16 includes in the work programme, in order to have these drafts for consultation period in 2022. It is to note that after this year, there are no topics in the SC work programme in which the Secretariat could call an expert working group in 2023. The proposed date for this SC focused meeting is 27-28 April 2022.
- [8] The other potential SC focused meetings are to review and approve the Technical Panels work plans and any other topic of importance to the SC. Summarizing, the proposed tentative dates for the SC focused meetings in 2022 are:
 - **Tentative SC focused meeting:** 27-28 April 2022

¹ 2021 SSU Work Plan: <https://www.ippc.int/en/publications/89604/>

² **Note:** The International Plant Health Conference is proposed to be on this same week.

- **Tentative SC focused meeting:** 13-14 July 2022
- **Tentative SC focused meeting:** 28-29 September 2022

[9] Pending decisions to be taken by the CPM-16 and the SC, the following draft ISPMs and documents are planned to be presented for adoption and consultation periods for 2022³.

Adoption by CPM-16 (2022)

[10] It is foreseen that the following ISPMs will be presented to the CPM-16 (April 2022) for adoption:

- 4 draft ISPMs: Commodity-based standards for phytosanitary measures (2019-008), Audit in the phytosanitary context (2015-014), Focused revision of ISPM 12 in relation to re-export (2015-011) and 2019&2020 Amendments to ISPM 5.
- 5 draft phytosanitary treatments (PTs): Irradiation treatment for Tortricidae on fruits (2017-011), Cold treatment for *Bactrocera zonata* on *Citrus sinensis* (2017-013), Vapour heat - modified atmosphere treatment for *Cydia pomonella* and *Grapholita molesta* in fruit of *Malus pumila* and *Prunus persica* (2017-037/038), Irradiation treatment for *Zeugodacus tau* (2017-025).
- 1 CPM Recommendation: Reduce the incidence of contaminating pests associated with regulated articles and unregulated goods to protect plant health and facilitate trade (2019-002).

Consultation period on draft Specifications (01 July to 30 August, 60 days)

[11] Pending CPM-16 and SC May 2022, there are potential of 3 draft specifications from the 2021 Call for Topics that could go to consultation period. The consultation period on draft Specifications is from 01 July to 30 August (60 days consultation). The potential draft Specifications are as follows:

- Commodity-Based Standards for Phytosanitary Measures, Annex X International Movement of Mango (*Mangifera indica*) Fruit (2021-011)
- Annex 1 “Field inspection (including growing season inspection)” to ISPM 23 “Guidelines for inspection” (2021-018)
- Revision of ISPM 26 “Establishment of pest free areas for fruit flies” (2021-010)

[12] **Diagnostic Protocol Notification Period 2022 (05 January- 20 February or 1 July – 15 August):**

- Draft DP: *Candidatus Liberibacter* spp. on *Citrus* spp. (2004-010)

[13] **First consultation 2022 (01 July- 30 September. 90 days consultation period):**

3 draft ISPMs:

- Design and use of systems approaches for phytosanitary certification of seeds (Annex to ISPM 38 International movement of seeds) (2018-009)
- Criteria for determining host status of fruits to fruit flies based on available information (Annex to ISPM 37: determination fruit fly host status) (2018-011)
- 2022 Amendments to ISPM 5

3 draft phytosanitary treatments (PTs):

- Cold treatment of ‘Red Globe’ grape (Rhamnales: Vitaceae) for *Drosophila suzukii* (Diptera: Drosophilidae)
- Vapor heat treatment of dragon fruit (*Selenicereus undatus* (Haworth) D.R. Hunt) for *Planococcus lilacinus* (Cockerell)
- Cold treatment for *Thaumatotibia leucotreta* on *Citrus sinensis* (2017-029)

3 draft diagnostic protocols (DPs):

- Genus *Ceratitis* (2016-001)

³ See calendar on IPP: <https://www.ippc.int/year/calendar/>

- *Mononychelus tanajoa* (2018-006)
- Psyllid vectors of *Candidatus Liberibacter solanacearum* (2018-030)

[14] Second consultation 2022 (01 July – 30 September. 90 days consultation period):

4 draft ISPMs:

- Revision of ISPM 4 (*Requirements for the establishment of pest free areas*) (2009-002)
- Use of specific import authorizations (Annex to ISPM 20: *Guidelines for a phytosanitary import regulatory system*) (2008-006)
- Revision of ISPM 18 (*Guidelines for the use of irradiation as a phytosanitary measure*) (2014-007)
- 2021 Amendments to ISPM 5

1 draft phytosanitary treatment (PT):

- Irradiation treatment for *Pseudococcus jackbeardsleyi* (2017-027)

[15] Planned meetings for 2022

- SC May, SC-7 and SC November, 3 SC focused meetings
- Technical panels:
 - o Technical Panel on Diagnostic Protocols (TPDP)
 - o Technical Panel on Phytosanitary Treatments (TPPT)
 - o Technical Panel for the Glossary (TPG)
 - o Technical Panel for Commodity Standards (TPCS)
- Expert working groups (EWGs):
 - o Reorganization of PRA-related ISPMs (2020-001)
 - o Use of systems approaches in managing the pest risks associated with the movement of wood (Annex to ISPM 39: *International movement of wood*) (2015-004)
- Other meetings (in collaboration with colleagues from other IPPC Secretariat teams):
 - o CPM focus group on Climate Change and Phytosanitary Issues
 - o CPM Focus Group on Sea Containers (subject to CPM-16 decision) 2022 IPPC Regional Workshops (in collaboration with Integration and Support Team of the IPPC Secretariat)
 - o IC subgroup meetings (ISPM 15 Guide and IRSS)
 - o Task Force on Topics (preparation for CPM-16)

[16] Other activities:

- Publication of adopted ISPMs
- Ink amendments to adopted ISPMs
- Language review groups (LRGs)
- Calls for experts, calls for discussion papers
- Online commenting system (OSC) review
- E-Decisions
- Expert Consultation on Diagnostic Protocols (TPDP)
- IPPC Regional Workshops: support to the 2022 IPPC Regional Workshops. Within the workshops, coordinate activities on commodity standards
- Communication:
 - o Coordinate the communications campaign: “A day in the life of...”
 - o Tentative webinars:

- Commodity Standards: A new time for the IPPC Community (Tentative: 16 February 2022)
- The IPPC Standard setting process: an overview (Tentative: 16 March 2022)
- The importance of correct pest diagnosis and the role of diagnostic protocols (Tentative: 01 June 2022)
- Humanitarian aid and the IPPC community: why and how to get involved (Tentative: 29 June 2022)
- (Potential other topics)
- SC training material: enhancement of the material, with videos and demos development
- Communications and advocacy material: Authorization of entities to perform phytosanitary actions, commodity standards, IPPC commodity standards

[17] **Liaison:** On behalf of the IPPC, some SSU staff conduct liaison activities with the following organizations⁴ (and others):

- Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD)
- Biodiversity-related Conventions
- International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA)
- UN Biological and Toxic Weapons Convention
- Ozone Secretariat (UN Environment)
- Phytosanitary Measures Research Group (PMRG)
- International Forestry Quarantine Research Group (IFQRG)
- World Trade Organization – SPS Committee
- International Maritime Organization
- World Custom Organization
- United Nations Economic Commission for Europe (UNECE)

⁴ For more information, please visit the webpage: <https://www.ippc.int/en/core-activities/external-cooperation/>

Annex 1**IPPC Secretariat - Standard Setting Unit (SSU)****2022 work plan – TENTATIVE***(Updated on 2021-11-05)***Standards Committee (SC) May 2022 (09-13 May, virtual mode):**

Notes: It is to highlight that revision of draft ISPMs will also take place prior to the meeting dates, via OCS

Tentative points for agenda:**1. Draft ISPMs for approval for first consultation:**3 draft ISPMs:

- Design and use of systems approaches for phytosanitary certification of seeds (Annex to ISPM 38 International movement of seeds) (2018-009)
- Criteria for determining host status of fruits to fruit flies based on available information (Annex to ISPM 37: determination fruit fly host status) (2018-011)
- 2022 Amendments to ISPM 5

2. Specifications of new priority topics from the 2021 Call

- Commodity-Based Standards for Phytosanitary Measures, Annex X International Movement of Mango (*Mangifera indica*) Fruit (2021-011)
- Annex 1 “Field inspection (including growing season inspection)” to ISPM 23 “Guidelines for inspection” (2021-018)
- Revision of ISPM 26 Establishment of pest free areas for fruit flies (2021-010)

3. Summary of e-decisions for approval of subjects for consultation period:4 draft diagnostic protocols (DPs):

- Genus *Ceratitis* (2016-001)
- *Pyricularia oryzae* (syn. *Magnaporthe oryzae*) on *Triticum* (2019-002)
- *Mononychelus tanajoa* (2018-006)
- Psyllid vectors of *Candidatus Liberibacter solanacearum* (2018-030)

3 draft phytosanitary treatment (PT) for first consultation:

- Cold treatment of ‘Red Globe’ grape (Rhamnales: Vitaceae) for *Drosophila suzukii* (Diptera: Drosophilidae)
- Vapor heat treatment of dragon fruit (*Selenicereus undatus* (Haworth) D.R. Hunt) for *Planococcus lilacinus* (Cockerell)
- Cold treatment for *Thaumatotibia leucotreta* on *Citrus sinensis* (2017-029)

1 draft PT for second consultation:

- Irradiation treatment for *Pseudococcus jackbeardsleyi* (2017-027)

4. Technical panels updates and review of work plans (NOTE: Tentatively to be discussed at SC Focused meeting in July 2022):

1. Technical Panel for the Glossary (TPG)
2. Technical Panel on Phytosanitary Measures (TPPT)
3. Technical Panel on Diagnostic Protocols (TPDP)

4. Tentative: Technical Panel on Commodity Standards (TPCS)
5. CPM-16 follow-ups
6. SC / IC interactions
7. IPPC Strategic Framework 2020-2030
8. Election of SC Chairperson

Standards Committee working group (SC-7) May 2022 (16-20 May, virtual mode):

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4 draft ISPMs:

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- Use of specific import authorizations (Annex to ISPM 20: *Guidelines for a phytosanitary import regulatory system*) (2008-006)
- Revision of ISPM 18 (*Guidelines for the use of irradiation as a phytosanitary measure*) (2014-007)
- 2021 Amendments to ISPM 5

Standards Committee November 2022 (14-18 November 2022, FAO HQ/virtual mode):

Notes: It is to highlight that revision of draft ISPMs will also take place prior to the meeting dates via OCS

Tentative points for agenda:

1. Draft ISPMs for approval for recommendation to the Commission on Phytosanitary Measures (CPM-16) for adoption:

- Revision of ISPM 4 (*Requirements for the establishment of pest free areas*) (2009-002)
- Use of specific import authorizations (Annex to ISPM 20: *Guidelines for a phytosanitary import regulatory system*) (2008-006)
- Revision of ISPM 18 (*Guidelines for the use of irradiation as a phytosanitary measure*) (2014-007)
- 2021 Amendments to ISPM 5

2. E-decisions for approval of subjects for adoption:

- 1 draft phytosanitary treatments (PTs): Irradiation treatment for *Pseudococcus jackbeardsleyi* (2017-027)

3. SC / IC interactions

4. IPPC Strategic Framework 2020-2030

IPPC projects:

- “Support to the IPPC Strategic Framework: Commodity and pathways standards, Pest Outbreak Alert and Response Systems, and e-Phyto” (project end date: 30-Jun-2023; project symbol: GCP/GLO/040/EC)
- Implementation of the International Plant Protection Convention (IPPC) (project end date: 31-Dec-2022; project symbol: GCP/GLO/025/EC)

Annex 2**STANDARD SETTING 2022 - TENTATIVE CALENDAR**

For updates, please check the IPPC calendar at <https://www.ippc.int/en/year/calendar/>

Quarter	Date	Activity	Venue	Category
1 st	05 Dec 2021 – 15 Jan 2022	Tentative: Expert consultation on draft diagnostic protocols	-	Expert input: Drafting standards
	05 January – 20 Feb 2022	DP notification period	-	Adoption of ISPMs
	15 Jan – 15 Feb	Tentative: Expert consultation on draft diagnostic protocols	-	Expert input: Drafting standards
	17 – 28 January	EWG on the Annex to ISPM 37	Virtual meeting	Expert input: Drafting standards
	1 February	Call for experts for the PRA reorganization	-	Call
	16 February	Tentative webinar: IPPC commodity standards	Virtual	Other
	February	Technical Panel on Diagnostic Protocols (TPDP)	Virtual meeting	Expert input: Drafting standards
	February	Technical Panel on Phytosanitary treatments (TPPT) – to address comments on ISPM 18 and PTs from first consultation	Virtual meeting	Expert input: Drafting standards
	01 March	Posting draft ISPMs to SC May (available to Contracting Parties and SC)	-	Governance
	15 March 2022	Objection period for adoption of ISPMs closure (“3 weeks prior”)	-	Governance
	16 March	Tentative webinar: IPPC Standard Setting process - An overview	Virtual	Other
	March	Technical Panel on Diagnostic Protocols (TPDP)	Virtual meeting	Expert input: Drafting standards
	March	Technical Panel on Phytosanitary treatments (TPPT) – approval of PTs for first consultation	Virtual meeting	Expert input: Drafting standards
	30 March	CPM Bureau	Virtual	Governance
	05 and 07 April	CPM-16	Virtual	Governance
	21 April	CPM-16 (Final session and adoption of the report)	Virtual	Governance
	27-28 April	Tentative - SC Focused Meeting (to discuss draft Specifications)	Virtual	Governance
2 nd	09-13 May	Standards Committee (SC)	Virtual meeting	Governance
	09-13 May	Tentative - International Plant Health Conference	TBD	Other
	16-20 May	Standards Committee working group (SC-7)	Virtual meeting	Governance

Quarter	Date	Activity	Venue	Category
	01 June	Tentative webinar: The importance of correct pest diagnosis and the role of diagnostic protocols	Virtual	Other
	June	Tentative – EWG on PRA reorganization	TBD	Expert input: Drafting standards
	29 June	Tentative webinar on Food and Other aid and the IPPC community: why and how to get involved	Virtual	Other
3 rd	01 July – 30 September	Consultation period on draft ISPMs and CPM Recommendations	-	Consultation period
	13-14 July	Tentative – SC focused meeting	Virtual meeting	Governance
	01 July – 30 August	Consultation period on draft specifications	-	Consultation period
	July	Tentative – Technical Panel on Diagnostic Protocols (TPDP)	TBD	Expert input: Drafting standards
	July	Tentative – Technical Panel on Phytosanitary Treatments (TPPT)	TBD	Expert input: Drafting standards
	24 -28 August	IPPC Regional Workshops	(various)	Expert input / Capacity development
	31 Aug – 04 September	IPPC Regional Workshops	(various)	Expert input / Capacity development
	28-29 September	Tentative – SC focused meeting	Virtual meeting	Governance
	27-30 September	Tentative - Phytosanitary Measures Research Group (PMRG)	TBC (Rome, IT (FAO HQ))	External meeting: Liaison and support
4 th	October	Tentative – EWG Use of systems approaches in managing the pest risks associated with the movement of wood (Annex to ISPM 39: International movement of wood) 2015-004	TBD	Expert input: Drafting standards
	11-14 October	Tentative - Strategic Planning Group	Virtual meeting	Other
	October	Technical Panel on Phytosanitary treatments (TPPT) – to address comments on PTs from second consultation	Virtual meeting	Expert input: Drafting standards
	14-18 November	Standards Committee (SC)	Rome, IT (FAO HQ)	Governance
	December	Tentative – Technical Panel for the Glossary (TPG)	Rome, IT (FAO HQ)	Expert input: Drafting standards