



Minimizing Pest Movement by Sea Containers

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International Plant Protection Convention

- The International Plant Protection Convention (IPPC) is an international plant health agreement that aims to protect cultivated and wild plants by preventing the introduction and spread of pests.
- The IPPC provides an international framework for plant protection that includes developing International Standards for Phytosanitary Measures (ISPMs) for safeguarding plant resources.





Reason for the standard

- Sea containers are a significant pathway for the potential entry of pests, as they are now the most common means of transfer of internationally traded goods and moving personal effects.
- Shipping containers move between many countries, and therefore a standard is needed to provide guidelines to countries for managing such phytosanitary risks.





Examples of contamination

- Soil
- Residues from previous cargoes
- Dunnage
- Insects, snails and slugs
- Seeds or other plant parts
- Other living organisms



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Scope and Purpose

- The Purpose of this standard is to minimize the risk of quarantine pests moved as contaminants with shipping containers.
- The standard will provide guidance as to how appropriate pest risk management can be achieved with minimum impediment to efficient movement and management of shipping containers.





Requirements

The draft standard might include:

- Checking containers for contaminants
- Cleaning of the interior and exterior of containers
- Contaminant treatment (waste disposal)
- Verification procedures
- Preventing contamination of clean containers
- Guidelines for importing countries





Example of areas NOT appropriate to store clean containers





IPPC Standard Setting Process

- Developing the list of topics for standards (2007-2008)
- **Drafting (2009-2012)**
 - A COA expert is taking part in EWG
- **Member consultation (2013)**
 - The draft would be open for comments
- Adoption and Publication (2015)





Thank you!

