



# **Better Training for Safer Food** *Initiative*

## *International Standard-Setting Bodies*

**Functioning of IPPC bodies,  
description of CPM, SC, SBDS  
and technical panels and/or  
working groups**

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# Key Entities Established under the International Plant Protection Convention

The **Commission** on Phytosanitary Measures (CPM), (Article XI, IPPC)

The **IPPC Secretariat** (Article XII, IPPC);

**Regional Plant Protection Organizations** (**RPPOs**; Article IX, IPPC).

# The Commission on Phytosanitary Measures (CPM)

- Is Governing Body of the IPPC
- Is established by IPPC rev 1997
- Annual meetings in FAO / Rome:
  - **1998 – ICPM 1 / 2005 – ICPM 7**
  - **2006 – CPM 1 / 2014 – CPM 10**
- Consists of delegations of Member Parties
- Voting (1 vote / MP)
- Adoption of ISPMs
- Implementation of IPPC

2 OCT 2005  
revised text of  
IPPC (1997) was  
adhered by 2/3 of  
contracting parties

# CPM members

are the contracting parties (181) to the Convention

Each contracting party may be represented at sessions of the Commission (CPM) by a single delegate who may vote and who may be accompanied by an alternate, and by experts and advisers who cannot vote

# CPM Observers

Regional Plant Protection Organisations  
International Organizations (e.g. WTO SPS Committee)

of Regional Plant Protection Organizations RPPOs  
of WTO Sanitary and Phytosanitary Committee  
of the Standards and Trade Development Facility STDF  
of the Convention on Biological Diversity CBD

# CPM Decision making

- Decisions made by consensus
- If no agreement is reached, the decision shall, as a last resort, be taken by a two-thirds majority of the contracting parties present and voting

# CPM Core activities

are planned through consultation with contracting parties:

**Facilitating cooperation between contracting parties to protect the world's cultivated and natural plant resources from the spread and introduction of pests of plants, while minimizing interference with the international movement of goods and people.**

**Implementing the work programme of standards development, information exchange and capacity building.**



# CPM Core activities

CPM:

- reviews the state of plant protection around the world
- identifies action to control the spread of pests into new areas
- develops and adopts international standards
- establishes rules and procedures for resolving disputes
- adopts guidelines for the recognition of regional plant protection organizations
- cooperates with international organizations on matters covered by the Convention





# CPM Core activities

CPM:

- establishes subsidiary bodies of the Commission (CPM)
- adopts recommendations for the implementation of the Convention (IPPC)
- performs other functions necessary to be fulfilment of the objectives of the Convention (IPPC)

# The CPM management

**CPM Bureau** – elected executive body of the CPM with 7 regional members, including:  
CPM Chairperson & CPM Vice-chairpersons

CPM Bureau directs work, provides advice and makes decisions between annual CPM meetings.

**The Strategic Planning Group (SPG)** = forum for strategic planning, not a decision-making body, providing assistance to the Bureau and Secretariat in developing proposals for consideration at CPM meetings

# The CPM subsidiary bodies

1. Standards Committee  
(SC)

2. Subsidiary Body on  
Dispute Settlement  
(SBDS)

Expert  
Working  
Groups  
(EWG)

Technical  
Panels  
(TP)

Informal Working Groups

**Capacity Development Committee (CDC)** - not a decision-making body, provides input and guidance on the capacity development work plan

# Standard Committee SC

- Group of 25 members/international technical experts, from 7 FAO regions;
- Meets twice per year;
- Reviews and recommends changes to draft standards;
- Approves specifications, checks consistency and recommends standards for adoption by the ICPM / CPM.

# The SC is responsible for

- Overseeing the IPPC Standard Setting Process;
- Managing the development of International Standards for Phytosanitary Measures ISPMs;
- Providing guidance and oversight to the work of Technical Panels TPs and Expert Working Groups EWGs;

# SC selects the SC Working Group SC-7

- Seven SC members (one for each FAO region) are selected by the SC to form the SC Working Group (SC-7)
- The SC-7 supports the work of the SC in the detailed consideration of draft ISPMs and specifications

# SC-7 is responsible for

- examining all of the substantive member comments (including proposed amendments) from member consultation on draft ISPMs, identified by the steward;
- reviewing and revising draft ISPMs prepared by the stewards in response to member comments and proposing revisions to the SC;
- drafting SC responses to substantive member comments not incorporated into the draft ISPM, as identified by the steward;

## SC-7 is responsible for (2)

- proposing which changes to draft ISPM should be considered further by the SC;
- explaining the proposed revisions to draft ISPMs to the SC as required;
- performing other functions regarding draft standards and specifications as directed by the SC.



# Expert Working Groups EWGs

- Experts are selected by the Standards Committee (SC) and approved by the CPM Bureau;
- The Experts working Group meets and produces a draft ISPM and a meeting rapporteur selected by the Standards Committee (SC) and approved by the CPM Bureau;
- A Steward (usually from the SC) guides the process;
- The draft ISPM is then approved for member consultation;
- ISPMs are reviewed or prepared for submission to SC.

# Expert selection to be member of Expert Working Groups EWGs

- To hold an Expert Working Group, IPPC secretariat contacts NPPOs National Plant Protection Organizations and Regional Plant Protection Organizations RPPOs to nominate experts to develop a draft ISPM
- Experts are selected by the Standards Committee (SC) and approved by the CPM Bureau;
- EWGs have 6-10 participants that represent a wide geographic area (including proportional developing countries) and a member of the SC.

# Technical Panels (TPs)

- TPs provide the Standards Committee (SC) with specific draft standards and advise the SC on specific technical matters;
- Experts are selected by the SC and approved by the CPM Bureau;
- A Steward (in some cases from the SC) guides the process.

# Technical Panels (TPs)

Currently, there are :

- Technical panel on diagnostic protocols (TPDP)
- Technical panel on forest quarantine (TPFQ)
- Technical panel on fruit flies (TPFF)
- Technical panel for the Glossary (TPG)
- Technical panel on phytosanitary treatments (TPPT)
- Technical panel on Pest Free Areas and Systems

# Body on Dispute Settlement SBDS

- International experts from 7 FAO regions;  
Africa, Asia, Europe, Latin America and the Caribbean, Near East, North America, Southwest Pacific
- Develops dispute settlement procedures:
  - ✓ manages dispute settlement system to assist contracting parties with phytosanitary dispute settlement;
  - ✓ provides guidance to the Secretariat and disputing parties in selecting dispute resolution methods, and may help with consultation, good offices, mediation or arbitration.

# Body on Dispute Settlement SBDS

- Maintains a roster of phytosanitary experts;
  - ✓ Proposes nominations for independent experts in IPPC Expert Committee procedures where disputing parties cannot agree on expert proposed by the Secretariat
- Promotes dispute avoidance;
- Prepares information for the effective preparation of dispute settlement procedures.

# Body on Dispute Settlement SBDS

- Undertakes other functions:
  - ✓ Helping the Secretariat with requests from WTO or other organizations;
  - ✓ Reporting on IPPC dispute settlement activities as well as dispute settlement activities by other organizations that have phytosanitary implications;
  - ✓ Identifying appropriate experts.

# Strategic Planning Group SPG (formerly SPTA)

The Strategic Planning Group (SPG) is an informal group which undertakes specific activities on behalf of CPM

- Activities relating to the planning and prioritisation of the various element of the work programme with the main focus on strategic issues.





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