

Template for comments - Draft ISPMs for country consultation, 2005

DRAFT ISPM: DIAGNOSTIC PROTOCOLS FOR REGULATED PESTS

Please use this table for sending country comments to the IPPC Secretariat (ippc@fao.org). See instructions on how to use this template at the end of the table. Following these will greatly facilitate the compilation of comments and the work of the Standards Committee

Please make sure that the cell "country name" is filled for each row of comments

1. Section	2. Country	3. Type of comment	4. Location	5. Proposed rewording	6. Explanation
<i>GENERAL COMMENTS</i>					
<i>SPECIFIC COMMENTS</i>					
TITLE OF THE DRAFT					
INTRODUCTION					
SCOPE					
REFERENCES	USA	Editorial			Add "Guidelines for inspection" as a reference since diagnostic testing is also done as part of inspection.
DEFINITIONS	USA	Technical Technical	"pest detection"	Detection: the discovery of a target pest / alternatively, the process of finding a target organism (delete "either in symptomatic or asymptomatic material")	There are two different definitions proposed in the current drafts for "detection" or "pest detection". See proposed definition for detection in the FF PFA draft. Suggest that definitions for "sensitivity" and "specificity" be included—these are critical concepts in diagnostic testing and need to be defined to provide additional guidance in the standard. They are mentioned in section 3.3. Sensitivity may be the true positive rate in the case of pathogens, or may also be the percentage of pests detected relative to the true infestation rate in the case of pests like insects. Specificity would refer to the true negative rate of a test.
OUTLINE OF REQUIREMENTS					
BACKGROUND					
REQUIREMENTS					

1. Section	2. Country	3. Type of comment	4. Location	5. Proposed rewording	6. Explanation
1. Purpose of diagnostic protocols					
2. Content of Diagnostic Protocols					
3. Structure and Content of a Diagnostic Protocol					
3.1 Introduction					
3.2 Taxonomic information	USA	Editorial	1 st dash point	Add “if known” after “teleomorph name”	The teleomorph name may not always be known.
3.3 Detection					
3.4 Identification	USA	Technical			General comment in this section: the need for properly preserving and curating voucher specimens should be addressed, possibly in this section (or in records). Voucher specimens or reference libraries (in the case of DNA samples) are essential for historical purposes and for confirming diagnoses.
		Editorial / technical	5 th para, first sentence	Change “Two main types” to “Several types”; include behavioural properties in addition to morphological and biochemical/molecular	Some diagnoses may be based on behavioural differences such as geographic range, trapping behaviour (e.g. selective trapping), virulence or host range. This should also be elaborated in this section.
		Editorial	Last para	Change “Methods for quick, presumptive” to “Methods for preliminary”. Add another sentence “Such identifications should later be officially confirmed.”	Preliminary identifications should be officially confirmed by the NPPO.
3.5 Records					
3.6 Contact points for further information					Include the authors contact information.
3.7 Acknowledgements					
3.8 References					
4. Publication of Diagnostic Protocols					
Appendix 1 Main elements of the procedure for the development of diagnostic					

1. Section	2. Country	3. Type of comment	4. Location	5. Proposed rewording	6. Explanation
protocols [title]					
Appendix 1. 1. Production of Diagnostic Protocols					
Appendix 1. 2. Review of Existing Diagnostic Protocols					
Appendix 1. 3. Requests for New Diagnostic Protocols					

INSTRUCTIONS FOR THE USE OF THE TEMPLATE

Tables of comments will be compiled so that all country comments on each section (or even paragraph) will appear together. The compiled tables will be transmitted to the SC (and added to the IPP).

Please do not add or delete columns and do not change their width.

Title of the columns and expected content:

1. SECTION

- This gives the titles of sections as they appear in the draft, plus a row for general comments. If changes are proposed for titles of sections, they should be made in the column "proposed rewording".
- **There should be no empty cell in this column**
- General comments apply to the entirety of the standard. Specific comments apply to a defined section of the draft, which should be clearly identified.
- If several comments are made on several paragraphs of a same section, it is suggested that one or several row(s) should be added. The titles of the section should be repeated in the new rows
- If there is no comment on one section, the other cells in the row should be left empty or the entire row should be deleted.

2. COUNTRY

- To facilitate compilation of comments, the country name should be indicated in every row for which a comment is being made
- **There should be no empty cell in this column.**

3. TYPE OF COMMENTS

For each comment on specific sections of the text, governments are requested to clearly indicate if the comment is considered to refer to:

- a technical/substantive issue with the content of the standard.
- an editorial issue
- a translation issue.

Technical/substantive issue

These are the comments which suggest changes to the meaning of the standard, if the concepts expressed or the technical content is wrong in the view of the country commenting. They cover conceptual problems, scientific errors, technical adjustments etc. Rewording should be proposed and detailed explanations should be given to facilitate understanding and review by the Standards Committee.

Editorial issue

The ideas expressed are thought to be correct, but the wording could be improved (spelling, vocabulary used, grammar or structure of the sentence) to clarify or simplify the text. **The meaning must not be changed.** Examples:

- A term appears in the text and is thought to be needed in the definitions section of the standard.
- A sentence needs to be changed to make it consistent with wording used elsewhere in the text.
- A clearer word which does not change the meaning could be used.
- The language used could be simplified

Note: Any change, although minor, which might change the meaning of the text is not editorial and should be classified as technical.

Translation issue

This is limited to points for which the English version is thought to be correct, but appears wrongly translated in the French or Spanish versions. Examples:

- A term of the Glossary used in the English has not been given its proper Glossary equivalent in the language concerned
- A technical term has not been translated with its proper technical equivalent in the plant protection framework
- A quote from another document should have been taken directly from the document concerned but has been retranslated.

4. LOCATION

The place where the comment applies in the section concerned should be clearly identified. It should refer to the text as circulated for country comments. To facilitate compilation of countries tables, it is suggested that governments refer to titles, paragraphs, sentences, indents with a standard wording to be used as indicated in the table below. Do not use "page" or "line" as these may vary depending on the word processor used. Examples:

Comment regarding	Wording to be used	Further specification of location
Title of the section	Title	
Rewording of the second paragraph of the section	Para 2	
Rewording of the fourth sentence of the 3rd paragraph of the section	Para 3, sentence 4	
Rewording of the 6th indent of paragraph 4	Para 4, indent 6	
Addition of a new indent after indent 2 in paragraph 7	Para 7, indent 2	Add after indent 2:
Addition of a new indent after the last of a list	Para 7, last indent	Add last indent
Addition of a new paragraph after paragraph 4	Para 4	Add new paragraph after para 4:

5- PROPOSED REWORDING

- Rewording should always be proposed for any changes thought necessary to the text. As relevant, modifications to the current text should appear as revision marks (i.e. text which is added or deleted should appear in a distinct way from unchanged text, for example text added can be underlined and delete text can be ~~struck through~~, as suggested on the example below.
- Suggestions for new paragraphs/indents should be clearly identified as such ("add....").

6- EXPLANATION

This field should always be completed and should include the justification for the comment made. Such explanations are essentials and should be sufficient for the Standard Committee to understand the comment and the proposed rewording.

EXAMPLE OF A COUNTRY'S COMMENTS AS REVISION MARKS IN THE TEMPLATE

1-Title	2-country	3- Type of comment	4. Location	5. Proposed rewording	6. Explanation
General comments	Name	-	-	The use of NPPO and contracting parties need to be considered throughout the document and made consistent with the IPPC.	
4.1.2 Measures for imported consignments	Name	editorial	Title	<u>Requirements for imported consignments</u>	Aligns with section 4, 4 th bullet
4.1.2 Measures for imported consignments	Name	1- editorial 2- technical (or in two rows if more suitable)	Para 1	The regulations should specify the <u>requirements (phytosanitary measures)</u> with which imported consignments of plants, plant products and other regulated articles should comply. These measures may be general, applying to all types of commodities, or specific, applying to <u>specified</u> commodities from a particular origin. <u>Measures</u> may be required prior to entry, at entry or post entry. Systems approaches may also be used when appropriate.	1- Align with section 4 and modified heading 2- The commodity also should be specified.
4.1.2 Measures for imported consignments	Name	editorial	Para 3, indent 1	documentary <u>checks</u>	clarification
4.1.2 Measures for imported consignments	Name	technical	Para 3, last indent	Add: phytosanitary inspection.	another appropriate option

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