

Template for comments - Draft ISPMs for country consultation, 2006

DRAFT ISPM: RECOGNITION OF PEST FREE AREAS AND AREAS OF LOW PEST PREVALENCE

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 and contains the name of the country submitting the 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					
DEFINITIONS					
OUTLINE OF REQUIREMENTS					
BACKGROUND	USA	technical	Last sentence of first paragraph	Delete "to exporting contracting parties"	unnecessary
REQUIREMENTS					
1. General Considerations					
2. General Principles					
2.1 Sovereign authority					
2.2 Other relevant principles of the IPPC and its ISPMs					Not necessary
2.3 Non-discrimination in the recognition of pest free areas and areas of low pest prevalence					
2.4 Undue delay	USA	editorial	Last sentence	Delete "as quickly as possible", insert "without undue delay"	More correct
2.5 Transparency					
3. Requirements for the Recognition of Pest Free	USA	technical	First dash point	Add after ISPM4: ...and ISPM 8 (<i>Determination of Pest Status in an area</i>).	

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Areas and Areas of Low Pest Prevalence		technical	Third paragraph	Suggest rewording to say “Where the PFA status can be easily determined, for example areas where general surveillance indicates the pest is absent and has never been recorded, and long term....”	Non existing pest records may not be indicative of absence, just a lack of good surveillance.
3.1 Responsibilities of contracting parties	USA	technical	Dash points	Change “if required” and “if necessary” to “if technically justified”	Better wording
		technical	Last sentence	Modify to read “Importing contracting parties should limit any information or data requests with an assessment of recognition to those which are technically justified”.	
3.2 Documentation requirements					
4. Procedure for the Recognition of Pest Free Areas and Areas of Low Pest Prevalence					
4.1 Request for recognition by the NPPO of the exporting contracting party	USA	technical	Dash points	Add after 4 th dash point “Intensity, pest use of commodity, type of damage, and part of plant attacked in the ALPP”	It might also be useful to include information on whether the host is a poor host / non host
4.2 Acknowledgement by the importing contracting party of receipt of the information package and indication of its completeness for assessment purposes	USA	editorial	First sentence	Replace “promptly” with “without undue delay”	Consistent with other parts of draft.
4.3 Description of assessment process to be used by the importing contracting party					
4.4 Assessment of the technical information	USA	technical	First paragraph, first sentence	Delete “technically”, insert “objectively”	More correct
4.5 Notification of results of assessment	USA	technical	End of first paragraph	Add a sentence “In the case of ALPPs, supplemental measures to meet low prevalence may be necessary”.	More detail.

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4.6 Official recognition					
4.7 Duration of recognition					
5. Arrangements for Recognition of Pest Free Places of Production and Pest Free Production Sites					
Appendix 1 Flow chart outlining the procedure for the recognition of pest free areas or areas of low pest prevalence	USA	technical	See attachment	Suggest replacing this appendix with attached document or use this information to modify the current flowchart.	clearer, easier to understand.
Appendix 2 Information required for a request of recognition of pest free areas or areas of low pest prevalence	USA	technical		Add a line for “pest / host association” after Commodity(ies) or other regulated articles	It would be useful to know what part of the host is attacked, whether is the fruit, leaves, stems, roots, etc.

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.**
- **The country name should be that of the country submitting the comments**

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	Requirements for imported consignments	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 checks	clarification
4.1.2 Measures for imported consignments	Name	technical	Para 3, last indent	Add: phytosanitary inspection.	another appropriate option

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