

# International Standards for Phytosanitary Measures:

how they affect global refrigerated transport

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# International Plant Protection Convention

## *Vision:*

- *Protecting global plant resources from pests.*

## *Four strategic objectives:*

- *Protect sustainable agriculture and enhance global **food** security*
- *Protect the **environment**, forests and biodiversity*
- *Facilitate economic and **trade** development*
- *Develop phytosanitary **capacity** for members*



# International Plant Protection Convention

*Pests: Insects, weeds, IAS, virus etc*

*Focus of the IPPC is on “pests” that have a negative impact on plants*





# Our stakeholders

- **Contracting parties to the IPPC**
  - IPPC obligation: Establish a National Plant Protection Organization (NPPO) and designate an contact point
  - Agriculture, forestry, environment, government, industry, civil society
- **Regional Plant Protection Organizations**
- **International Organizations**

# NPPO – Industry Relations

- **Get to know your NPPO**
- **Engage your NPPO in discussions about unfair import requirements**
- **Provide your comments on draft standards**



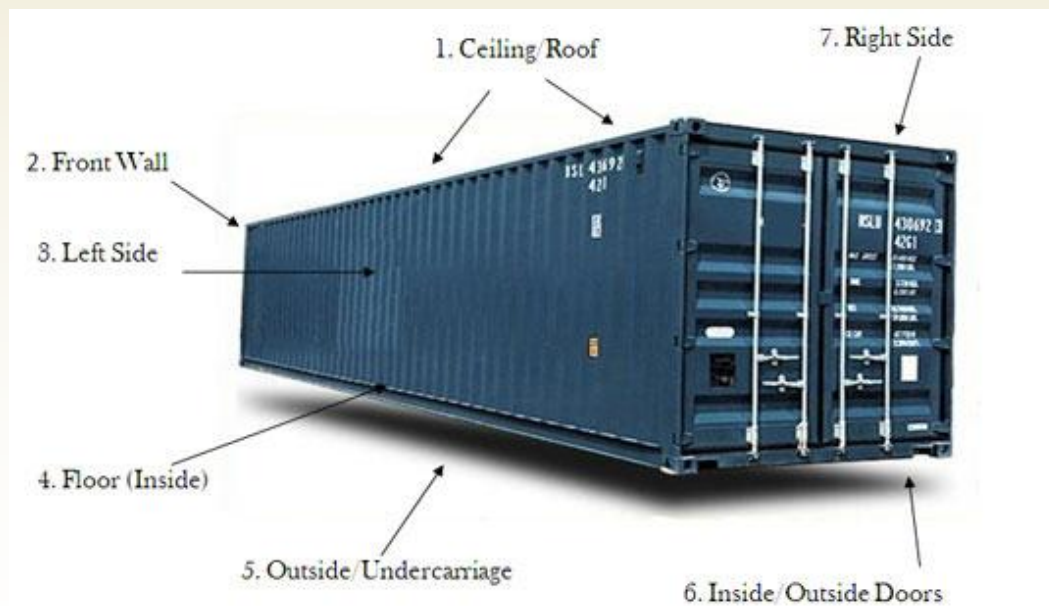
# International Standards

- **International Standards for Phytosanitary Measures (ISPM)**
- **Internationally agreed**
- **Harmonize phytosanitary measures**
- **Help ensure safe and fair trade of plants and plant products while reducing pest spread**
- **WTO SPS recognized standard setting bodies:**
  - **IPPC**
  - **OIE**
  - **Codex**



# Under development:

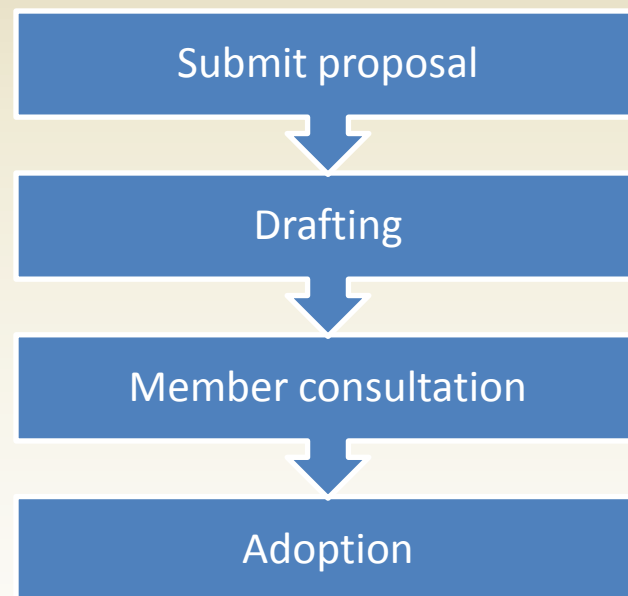
*Minimizing pest movement by sea containers*





# International standards setting process

- **Complex, slow and costly**
- **Also open, transparent and inclusive**
- **5 to 7 years to develop a standard**
- **New standards are adopted every year**
- **You are invited to participate in all stages**





# ISPM 15:2009

## Regulation of wood packaging material in international trade

- Wood packaging material: pallets, dunnage, etc
- Agreed treatments to kill forest pests
- ISPM 15 “mark” is allowed on products following ISPM 15
- 1<sup>st</sup> 2002, huge impact on industry, costing billions



# ISPM 32:2009

## Categorization of commodities according to their pest risk

### Example: frozen French fries

- Commercial process: Quick freezing
- Example: Frozen fruits and vegetables
- Associated pest risk: Very low



**High risk**



**Low risk**

# Purpose of Sea Container standard



- Guidance to NPPOs
- Set criteria for the cleanliness (pest freedom) of sea containers



# Expert Working Group (EWG) on Sea Containers

Standard being developed by a variety of experts:

Phytosanitary, Logistics, Industry

International organizations:

- IMO shipping (high seas),
- CBD (biodiversity), and
- COA (owners)





# EWG on Sea Containers

Standard is still draft but likely to include:

- Criteria for cleaning
- Visual checking
- Contaminant disposal
- Accreditation

Reports from EWG on IPPC website



# Draft Standard on Sea Containers

- [Follows a Specification](#)
- Presented to the IPPC Standards Committee
- 2013 Member Consultation
- Other drafts to watch for:
  - ePhyto
  - Air containers



Checking a container



# Next steps for Seminar Participants

## Common goals:

- Stop spread of pests (Invasive Alien Species)
- Protect biodiversity

## How do you contribute:

- ✓ NPPO relationship
- ✓ Industry representatives
- ✓ Comment on draft standards





# Where can I find more information?

- The IPPC website: [www.ippc.int](http://www.ippc.int)
- Adopted standards: <https://www.ippc.int/index.php?id=13399>
- Reports from EWGs:

<https://www.ippc.int/index.php?id=179725>

- National contact points:

[https://www.ippc.int/index.php?id=1110520&no\\_cache=1&type=contactpoints&L=0](https://www.ippc.int/index.php?id=1110520&no_cache=1&type=contactpoints&L=0)

- Member consultation:

<https://www.ippc.int/index.php?id=207803>







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