



## Draft specification form for proposed standards

### I. General information

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### 2. Standard information

<b>Title</b>	[1] Revision of ISPM 12 (Phytosanitary certificates)
<b>Reasons</b>	Reason for the revision of the standard
<b>Provide the reason</b>	<p>A focused revision of ISPM 12 Phytosanitary certificates, was recently undertaken in relation to re-export and the revised ISPM was adopted by the CPM in 2022. However, this revision did not address other issues with the ISPM that could assist with the global harmonization of phytosanitary certificates. A full revision of ISPM 12 is proposed to revise, simplify, and restructure the document to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li><input type="checkbox"/> promote ease of use amongst contracting parties;</li><li><input type="checkbox"/> update ambiguous and outdated requirements which do not reflect current operational processes of NPPOs;</li><li><input type="checkbox"/> ensure the standard is future focussed in the context of the continuing the transition to ePhyto;</li><li><input type="checkbox"/> clearly separate requirements from implementation and guidance information to ensure that guidance information can be easily updated to reflect global trends; and</li><li><input type="checkbox"/> provide clear requirements for contracting parties on the following scenarios:<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li><input type="checkbox"/> re-export of product after significant time in secure storage;</li><li><input type="checkbox"/> a consignment has been partially released and replacement certification is required for the held part of the consignment.</li></ul></li></ul>
<b>Scope</b>	<p>The revision of ISPM 12 will be a complete revision to update and modernise the standard. All revisions are in scope including but not limited to improving the structure of the ISPM, clarifying some aspects of re-export requirements and partially released consignments, updating out-dated information, providing options for including additional information on certificates and, separating requirements from guidance material to provide contracting parties with a clear and easy to use ISPM.</p>

<p><b>Purpose</b></p>	<p>The purpose of the revision of ISPM 12 is to: <input type="checkbox"/> restructure the contents of ISPM 12 to make it user-friendly, easier to understand and implement and promote global harmonisation of phytosanitary certification.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> identify requirements and guidance information and what should remain as part of the ISPM or be removed to implementation material so that it can be more easily updated.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> identify and modernise ambiguous and outdated requirements which do not reflect current operational processes of NPPOs, considering the ongoing transition to ePhyto</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> determine options for including additional information on phytosanitary certificates.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> provide better clarity on:</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> re-export requirements in Section 4 (Specific considerations for the preparation and issuance of phytosanitary certificates) and 6 (Considerations for re-export situations).</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> replacement certificate requirements in Section 2.2 (Replacement of phytosanitary certificates) for a consignment that has been partially released and replacement certification required for the held part of the consignment.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> update out-dated information in Appendix I (Electronic phytosanitary certificates, information on standard XML schemas and exchange mechanisms).</p>
<p><b>Task</b></p>	<p>The expert drafting group (EDG) should undertake the following tasks: (1)</p> <p>Revise, as necessary, the structure of ISPM 12 so it can be more easily navigated by contracting parties.</p> <p>(2) Review the text of the ISPM, annexes, appendices and propose which sections, or parts thereof, should remain as part of the ISPM, and which if any should be moved to implementation materials.</p> <p>(3) Review, simplify and, as necessary, revise the text of the ISPM, annexes and appendices to better reflect and align with the operational processes of trade and to ensure that the standard is clear and unambiguous.</p> <p>(4) Review requirements for re-export phytosanitary certificates to ensure they are clear, consistent, and unambiguous including the text of Section 4 and 6 to provide better clarity regarding the re-export of plant products that may have been securely stored for several years.</p> <p>(5) Include requirements for a consignment that has been partially released and replacement certification is required for the held part of the consignment.</p> <p>(6) Consider whether non-phytosanitary information can be included as a non-obligatory option or as an endorsed attachment on phytosanitary certificates when it is specifically requested by an importing country.</p> <p>(7) Review the security, authentication, and verification requirements for phytosanitary certificates (e.g. security of wet and printed signatures, identifying fraudulent and invalid certificates, the use of QR codes and other online validation tools).</p>

	<p>(8) Review the validity of phytosanitary certificates including duration of validity and certified copies.</p> <p>(9) Consider modernizing the requirements of phytosanitary certificates to better reflect the ongoing transition to ePhyto, considering the different systems (both physical and digital) used by NPPOs;</p> <p>(10) Review requirements in Appendix I for electronic phytosanitary certificates to ensure they are up-to-date and will remain so in the future.</p> <p>(11) Review all references to ISPM 12 in other ISPMs to ensure that they are still relevant and propose consequential changes if necessary. Review all references to other ISPMs in ISPM 12 and amend as necessary.</p> <p>(12) Consider whether the ISPM could affect in a specific way (positively or negatively) the protection of biodiversity and the environment. If this is the case, the impact should be identified, addressed and clarified in the draft ISPM.</p> <p>(13) Consider implementation of the ISPM by contracting parties and identify potential operational and technical implementation issues and any other implementation material to be developed. Provide information and possible recommendations on these issues to the Standards Committee.</p>
<b>Expertise</b>	Five to seven experts with a combined knowledge of, and experience in, regulating and implementing phytosanitary certification related to the export and re-export of regulated articles.
<b>References</b>	<p>The IPPC, relevant ISPMs and other national, regional, and international standards and agreements as may be applicable to the tasks, and discussion papers submitted in relation to this work.</p> <p>FAO. 2015. Export certification: A guide to export certification for national plant protection organizations. <a href="https://www.ippc.int/en/publications/90636/">https://www.ippc.int/en/publications/90636/</a></p> <p>FAO. 2022. International plant protection convention style guide. <a href="https://www.fao.org/3/cb2433en/cb2433en.pdf">https://www.fao.org/3/cb2433en/cb2433en.pdf</a></p> <p>ISPM 5. Glossary of phytosanitary terms <a href="https://www.ippc.int/en/publications/622/">https://www.ippc.int/en/publications/622/</a></p> <p>ISPM 7. Phytosanitary certification system <a href="https://www.ippc.int/en/publications/613/">https://www.ippc.int/en/publications/613/</a></p> <p>ISPM 12. Phytosanitary certificates <a href="https://www.ippc.int/en/publications/609/">https://www.ippc.int/en/publications/609/</a></p> <p>ISPM 32. Categorization of commodities according to their pest risk <a href="https://www.ippc.int/en/publications/587/">https://www.ippc.int/en/publications/587/</a></p>