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Commodity Standards: Framework, Principles and Technical Panel on Commodity Standards

Establishing guidelines for fair global trade of plant commodities

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ISPM 46 *Commodity-specific standards for phytosanitary measures*; the overarching standard Purpose, Importance, Benefits, and Framework

Transparency, Trade Facilitation & Regulatory Efficiency

- ❖ Provides clear, harmonized, predictable phytosanitary expectations for all trading partners
- ❖ Reduces bilateral negotiation burdens by providing starting points and expedites access to international markets
- ❖ Supports evidence-based decision-making and defensible phytosanitary measures

Framework, Scope & Criteria

- ❖ Defines the principles and structure for developing commodity-specific standards
- ❖ Focuses on phytosanitary measures
- ❖ Contamination & diversion from intended use are out of scope
- ❖ Inclusion of pests and measures



What commodity standards provide

- ❖ Non-exhaustive lists of pests associated with a commodity under its intended use
- ❖ Options for technically justified phytosanitary measures
- ❖ Guidance to support—not replace—bilateral negotiations between NPPOs



National sovereign rights remain fully intact

- ❖ Commodity standards DO NOT impose obligations on contracting parties; they are guidance only
- ❖ NPPOs retain sovereign authority to set import requirements based on pest risk analysis
- ❖ Commodity standard pest lists & measures are indicative, non-binding and non-exhaustive
- ❖ Import requirements remain subject to technical justification and bilateral negotiation



Technical Panel on Commodity Standards (TPCS) work programme

- ❖ Drafting and revising commodity standards prioritized by CPM
- ❖ Commodity standards development:
 - ✓ Mango: adopted 2025
 - ✓ Bananas, taro: 1st consultation in 2025, 2nd 2026
 - ✓ Citrus, bean seeds, apples: planned 1st consultation in 2026
 - ✓ Grapes: to be drafted in 2026



TPCS working procedure

- ❖ Evaluate pest–commodity association
- ❖ Develop and apply criteria for excluding pests & measures
- ❖ Maintain internal master spreadsheets tracking submissions & reasons for pest and measure exclusion
- ❖ Liaise with submitters & stewards to verify unclear information and ensure technical accuracy
- ❖ Ensure consistency with ISPM 46 and alignment across CSs



Challenges with topics & technical information

- ❖ Topics: no new topics submitted during 2025 call
 - you can submit topics anytime (open call)
- ❖ Submissions of Technical information
 - Limited number of technical information submissions
 - Transparency of technical information
 - ☐ Inaccessible information and references
 - ☐ Unclear technical justification on regulation of pests
 - ☐ Insufficient information on effectiveness of measures
 - ☐ Insufficient details on options of measures
 - ☐ Variable understanding and descriptions of systems approaches
 - ☐ Misalignment of terminologies



Key takeaways

- ISPM 46 defines the foundation and principles for all CSs.
- CSs help countries trade safely and consistently, while retaining full sovereignty.
- TPCS develops CSs, ensures transparency, scientific rigor, and harmonization across commodity standards.
- A forward-looking work programme supports continued global engagement and refinement.
- Contracting parties support on call for topics and technical information is needed.



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