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COMMISSION ON PHYTOSANITARY MEASURES

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List of topics for IPPC standards: International Movement of Grain (2008-007)
Agenda item 8.1.4
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I. Background

1. At the Seventh Session of the Commission on Phytosanitary Measures in 2012 (CPM-7), a paper¹ on the Open-ended workshop on the international movement of grain held in December 2011 was presented. The full report of this workshop is posted on the International Phytosanitary Portal (IPP)².
2. A Friends of the Chair meeting addressed the interventions made at CPM-7 (2012) and proposed to ask the Standards Committee (SC) to develop a draft specification on this topic, gather input from contracting parties and formulate some recommendations on how to move forward for the CPM to consider.
3. In April 2012, the SC reviewed the revised draft specification on the *International movement of grain* (2008-007), and approved it for member consultation. In response to the member consultation, 93 comments were received and compiled³, many of the suggested changes were integrated into the draft specification, and a few outstanding comments were identified that warranted further attention.

¹ CPM 2012/19 Rev1, <https://www.ippc.int/index.php?id=13330>

² Report of the Open-ended workshop on the international movement of grain (December 2011), <https://www.ippc.int/index.php?id=1111060>

³ <https://www.ippc.int/index.php?id=1110732>

4. In November 2012, the SC discussed these issues and were satisfied with the draft specification presented⁴, which addressed the majority of the comments received. The SC agreed that guidance is needed for the international movement of grain. One SC member, while agreeing that guidance was needed, believed that it should take the form of a manual, not an ISPM. Many SC members recognized that member comments had strongly expressed the need for a standard due to the importance in harmonizing requirements for grain. Some SC members considered that the scope was too wide and the tasks too complex, and proposed a combination of both an ISPM and a manual.

II. Options for CPM consideration

5. The SC developed the following three options for CPM consideration:
 - 1) Development of an ISPM. The draft specification on *International movement of grain* (2008-007) that was revised by the SC based on some member comments (Report of the November 2012 SC meeting, Appendix 11) could be finalized by the SC in May 2013.
 - 2) Development of a Guide to the implementation of ISPMs in the international movement of grain, with the following conditions:
 - The guide should be similar to the *FAO Guide to implementation of phytosanitary standards in forestry* (<http://www.fao.org/docrep/013/i2080e/i2080e00.htm>).
 - The guide should cover the implementation of ISPMs in the international movement of grain, and would take into account the latest revised version of the draft specification on *International movement of grain* (2008-007), which indicates issues that countries find to be of highest importance (Report of the November 2012 SC meeting, Appendix 11).
 - The guide should not be produced under the auspices of the SC.
 - Extra-budgetary funding similar to that for the forestry guide would be needed.
 - 3) Development of an ISPM with a reduced scope. This option applies if the CPM considers that the scope of the proposed ISPM is too broad and should only cover the most critical elements. The SC would further revise the draft specification, identifying which elements should be included in an ISPM (Report of the 2012 November SC meeting, Appendix 11), and which may be more appropriate for a manual. As in option 2 extra-budgetary funding would be needed to develop a manual.
6. The CPM is invited to:
 - 1) *consider* the three options on how to move forward on the topic: *International movement of grain* (2008-007)
 - 2) *decide* which option and/or other action should be taken to progress this topic: *International movement of grain* (2008-007).

⁴ Report November 2012 SC, Appendix 11, <https://www.ippc.int/index.php?id=13355>