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Amendments to ISPM No. 5 (*Glossary of phytosanitary terms*)

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1. The Secretariat compiled comments received in advance of the CPM on the draft amendments to ISPM No. 5 (*Glossary of phytosanitary terms*) from the following members:

- Australia
- USA

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DRAFT ISPM: AMENDMENTS TO ISPM NO. 5 (GLOSSARY OF PHYTOSANITARY TERMS)

The following are comments received as of 04 April 2008 according to guidelines given in the document CPM 2008/2. The Secretariat has compiled the comments, as provided by members, in the order of the text.

	1. Section	2. COUNTRY	3. Type of comment	4. Location	5. Proposed rewording	6. Explanation
1.	2.1 Beneficial organism	USA	technical	definition	“Any organism directly or indirectly advantageous to plants or plant products; <u>these can include biological control agents and sterile insects</u>”	Any biological control organism that is targeted for control of a particular pest could have direct or indirect negative consequences to plants or other organisms, and thus would have to be evaluated carefully before being used in a biological control application. Therefore, not all biological control agents or sterile insects should be included under the definition of beneficial organisms.
2.	2.1 Beneficial organism	Australia	General – addition of qualifying words to definition	Definition	Any organism directly or indirectly advantageous to plants or plant products in some circumstances , including biological control agents and sterile insects	Problem with the definition of this term as it now stands is an underlying assumption is that if an organism is labelled “beneficial” that it is beneficial in all circumstances for all areas – this is frequently not so for most beneficial organisms including biological control agents, hence the need for qualifying text of “in some circumstances”. There are many circumstances (including commercial sales of organisms) where “beneficial organisms” are encouraged untested and off target issues are not considered – the proposed definition will only encourage this state – in reality the term should not be used as all as it implies safety, inappropriately, in all circumstances.
3.	3. debarked wood	USA	technical	definition	“Wood that has been subjected to any process designed to <u>or</u> resulting in removal of bark. (Debarked wood is not necessarily bark-free wood.)”	In the US, there are small sawmills that do not use debarking equipment but through high pressure hose to remove dirt and rocks, they produce “bark free” pallet cants.
4.	4. proposed deletion: exotic	USA	technical	Last indent - use the term <i>non-indigenous</i> ...	“<u>not native to the ecoregion</u>”	There is a new trend in the US to use the terms: “organisms not native to the ecoregion”, even within the country. There are good reasons to begin to move in this direction domestically as well as internationally, so it would be good to keep the door open on this aspect (as opposed to non-indigenous to the country)