

Coordinating the global effort to reduce the introduction of pests through the Sea Container Pathway

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MISSION

- Protect global plant resources and facilitate safe trade

VISION

- The spread of plant pests is minimized and their impacts within countries are effectively managed

GOAL

- All countries have the capacity to implement harmonized measures to reduce pest spread and minimize the impact of pests on food security, trade, economic growth, and the environment

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The intergovernmental treaty, signed by 184 countries

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Commission on Phytosanitary Measures (CPM)

Setting standards and supporting their implementation

Supporting capacity development

Facilitating communications and international co-operation



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IPPC Strategic Framework 2020-2030

STRATEGIC OBJECTIVES

Enhance global food security & increase sustainable agricultural productivity

Protect forests and the environment from the impacts of plant pests

Facilitate safe trade development & economic growth

8 Development Agendas

Electronic Data

Commodity standards

E-commerce

Third-Party Entities

Pest Outbreak Alert

Climate Change

Research Coordination

Diagnostic Networks



Sea Containers - the pest risks

- **Pathway**- Sea containers present potential pest pathways for the introduction and spread of pests;
- **Volume** and **frequency** increases the risk
 - 2019 25 CTU in the world with 217 million trips (2018), even low % contamination poses **high risks** for pest introduction and establishment
- Once pests are established, **difficult** and **expensive** to control or eradicate;
- **Empty containers** also pose a risk (contamination)
- **Contamination** of CTU is the focus (contents are regulated independently)



CPM Recommendation: Sea containers

- CPM-9 (2014) requested development of a CPM Recommendation
- CPM 10 (2015) adopted [CPM Recommendation 06 Sea Containers](#)
 - Recognize and communicate risk
 - Support CTU code
 - Gather and analyze information



Sea Containers Task Force (SCTF)

- CPM 12 (2017) agreed to put the development of the draft standard on hold
- Complementary Action Plan for Assessing and Managing the Pest Threats Associated with Sea Containers was developed and endorsed by CPM 12 (2017)
- SCTF was established ([TOR](#) & [experts](#)) in 2017 to supervise and direct the implementation of this Action Plan, with a 5 year mandate (extended by 1 year due to COVID)
- SCTF recommendations to be presented to CPM-16 (2022).



SCTF Main Tasks

1. Measuring the impact of the CTU Code by:
 - Joint IPPC/IMO/Industry **protocol for data collection** data related to contamination of sea containers;
 - CTU Code: **monitoring** uptake and implementation
2. Increasing awareness of pest risks of sea containers:
 - Calling for and **publishing guidance material** on pest risk management;
 - Encouraging NPPOs to inform industry on the risks and possible international actions to manage associated pest risks



A little about what has been done during the past 5 years

- Increased awareness of pest risks of **sea containers**
- Gathered and published **data**
- Developed **guidance** for risk management
- Provided information on **pest risks of sea containers** and their management
- Coordinated **efforts** with contracting parties, regional plant protection organizations (RPPOs), industry and other international organizations
- Facilitated contracting parties to **report** to CPM on their progress and achievements



A little about what has been done during the past 5 years (cont.)

- Provided **advice** for updating CTU Code or any IMO inspection guidance.
- **Encouraged** NPPOs through regional workshop, CPM side sessions and webinars
- Supported donor agency pilot projects in **developing countries**
- Strengthened **communication** through social media and production of materials



Additional guidance from CPM-15 (2021) Report

- Consider and respond to a set of **strategic questions**
- Communicate viewpoints on the potential value of an international **workshop** (or open-ended technical consultation) that could be held in late 2022
- Provide input to the development of a Terms of Reference for a prospective **CPM Focus Group** which would be charged with arranging a possible 2022 international workshop of sea containers
- Outline potential core aspects that the SCTF would consider important for:
 - the **revision of CPM Recommendation No. 6 on Sea Containers; and/or**
 - the **continued development of a standard** on sea containers



SCTF final work plan

NPPO Surveys:

- Encourage the continued **gathering of data** in a uniformed manner

Coordination with CPs, RPPOs, industry and other organizations:

- Enhanced collaboration on **identification of pest risks**
- **Coordinate** possible international actions
- Help ensure measures are not more trade-restrictive than required to achieve their **appropriate level of protection**



What kind of decisions are expected from CPM-16 (2022)

- Create a **CPM Focus Group** on Sea containers
- Consider holding an international **workshop** on sea containers with all stakeholders invited.
- Whether to:
 - proceed with a **revision of CPM Recommendation No. 6 on Sea Containers;**
 - and/or**
 - **continue the development of a standard on sea containers**



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