

Introduction to Standards on commodity-specific phytosanitary measures

The following new Standards are included in this issue: PM 8/13 (1), PM 8/14 (1), PM 8/15 (1)

1 | APPROVAL

EPPO Standards are approved by EPPO Council. The date of approval appears in each individual Standard. In the terms of Article II of the IPPC, EPPO Standards are Regional Standards for the members of EPPO.

2 | REVIEW

EPPO Standards are subject to periodic review and amendment. The next review date for this set of EPPO Standards is decided by the EPPO Working Party on Phytosanitary Regulations.

3 | RECORD OF REVISIONS

Revisions will be issued as necessary, numbered and dated.

4 | SCOPE

EPPO Commodity-specific phytosanitary measures are a synthesis of the EPPO-recommended phytosanitary measures which apply to the pests listed in EPPO Standards PM 1/2 EPPO A1 and A2 lists of pests recommended for regulation as quarantine pests,¹ with additional measures as may be appropriate for a given commodity. They are addressed to the NPPOs of EPPO Member countries to assist them in designing a regulatory structure to protect each country, in relation to its pest status and level of acceptable risk, from the quarantine pests which may be carried by the commodity in international trade. They specify the measures which exporting countries should be required to apply, and the measures which may also be needed within the importing country.

¹In future, when regulated non-quarantine pests for the region have been defined, these Standards may also apply to them.

5 | DEFINITIONS

As far as possible, EPPO Standards on commodity-specific phytosanitary measures make use of the terminology defined in ISPM no. 5 'Glossary of Phytosanitary Terms'. Some terms used in EPPO Standards on commodity-specific phytosanitary measures are not defined in ISPM no. 5, but have an EPPO definition. These are defined in the relevant EPPO Standards on commodity-specific phytosanitary measures.

6 | OUTLINE OF REQUIREMENTS

The purpose of an EPPO Standard on commodity-specific phytosanitary measures is to assist the authorities responsible, in EPPO countries, in preparing phytosanitary regulations and other phytosanitary measures, which take into account the various EPPO recommendations that are relevant to the commodity. Such a Standard is primarily concerned with the measures which exporting countries apply to the commodity moving in international trade, to prevent the introduction and spread of quarantine pests. However, the Standards also includes measures which should be applied by the importing country.

In particular the Standards cover:

- EPPO pests recommended for regulation as quarantine pests which may be carried by consignments (EPPO Standard PM 1/2)
- pest-specific requirements which EPPO recommends for each of these pests
- general measures which may be recommended for protection against pests which have not been specifically identified as quarantine pests.

Where the commodity exists in several forms that present different levels of risk and which are thus subject to different phytosanitary measures, these measures are specified separately. Where the measures require the use of EPPO phytosanitary procedures (EPPO Standards PM 3), or EPPO national regulatory control systems (EPPO Standards PM 9), which may be required to justify the

status of a pest-free area or pest-free production site, these are specified. Where phytosanitary measures are also needed within the importing country (e.g. inspection and testing under quarantine), appropriate details are provided.

The measures covered by the Standards may also include a Phytosanitary Procedure (the Transitional Arrangement), used in the development and validation of phytosanitary measures where a new trade in a commodity is requested.

REFERENCES

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