

Template for comments - Draft Specifications for member consultation, July 2010
**DRAFT SPECIFICATION: SAFE HANDLING AND DISPOSAL OF WASTE WITH POTENTIAL
 PEST RISK GENERATED DURING INTERNATIONAL VOYAGES**

Deadline for comments: 13 September 2010

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PLEASE ENSURE THAT THE CELL "COUNTRY NAME" IS COMPLETED FOR EACH ROW OF COMMENTS. PLEASE USE ONE TABLE FOR EACH SPECIFICATION.

1. Section	2. Country name	3. Proposed rewording	4. Explanation
GENERAL COMMENTS			
SPECIFIC COMMENTS			
TITLE	USA	Safe handling and disposal of <u>international</u> waste with potential pest risk generated during international voyages	Long title. The Scope section mentions the pest risk. We need to differentiate between domestic waste, and waste generated during an international voyage.
REASON FOR THE STANDARD	USA	With an increase in the number and frequency of movements of <u>commercial and private</u> international conveyances (aircraft and vessels) there has been an <u>corresponding</u> increase in the volume of waste generated during their voyages that requires <u>safe</u> disposal. The movement and disposal of waste material is potentially a pathway for the introduction and spread of quarantine pests. In particular, developing countries may have limited facilities and procedures available to handle the <u>international</u> waste in a manner that minimizes the risk of introducing a quarantine pest.	It is important that the standard recognizes that private conveyances pose as much a phytosanitary risk as commercial ones. Editorial Delete footnote. This data is not necessary in the specification.
SCOPE AND PURPOSE	USA	The standard will provide guidance to NPPOs in determining what is considered waste that has a potential pest risk. It will also provide guidance on developing methods and procedures for <u>safeguarding</u> , handling and disposing of the waste generated during international voyages, <u>on commercial and private conveyances</u> , in a manner that does not lead to the establishment or spread of a plant pest. The standard does not consider risks outside the scope of the IPPC.	To emphasize the point that private and commercial conveyances should be included in the standard.
TASKS	USA	(2) consider the relevance of any existing international agreements or industry guidelines to manage the risk of introduction of quarantine pests associated with waste generated during international voyages, <u>on private and commercial conveyances</u> , noting that many countries have existing legislative requirements for the <u>safe</u> management, handling and disposal of all waste (for example, environmental legislation) (3) identify <u>the technical justification for regulating international</u>	To emphasize the point that private and commercial conveyances should be included in the standard.

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		<p>waste, information requirements for determining the potential for waste associated with international conveyances to be a pathway for the introduction of quarantine pests and for implementing appropriate phytosanitary measures and enforcing compliance (4) identify any currently utilized waste handling and disposal methods that may be employed by countries (for example, incineration, deep burial and autoclaving) and provide brief guidance to NPPOs on the criteria for locating and regulating the operations in relation to the <u>safe disposal of waste and compliance</u> (6) <u>identify safe methods and procedures for handling international waste spills</u> (7) <u>consider new methods for safeguarding, handling and disposing of international waste</u></p>	<p>The specification focuses on identifying and managing the risk associated with international waste but does not address enforcing compliance, which is an important NPPO responsibility.</p> <p>The specification does not address how to handle spills</p> <p>This task leaves room for innovative ideas</p>
PROVISION OF RESOURCES		<i>Comments are not expected on this section unless a country proposes to collaborate by providing funds to cover the cost of the development of the standard.</i>	
STEWARD		<i>Comments are not expected on this section as this is decided by the Standards Committee.</i>	
COLLABORATOR		<i>Comments are not expected on this section unless a country proposes to collaborate by providing funds to cover the cost of the development of the standard.</i>	
EXPERTISE	USA	A working group of 5-8 phytosanitary experts), <u>at least one of whom has knowledge of phytosanitary treatments, and/or at least one invited</u> expertise from relevant international organizations (for example, the UN International Maritime Organization and the International Air Transport Association).	At least one expert in the group should know about phytosanitary treatments.
PARTICIPANTS		<i>Comments are not expected on this section as this is decided by the Standards Committee. Countries are encouraged to nominate experts when the IPPC Secretariat issues a call for nominations.</i>	
APPROVAL		<i>Comments are not expected on this section as it records the approval process for the specification.</i>	
REFERENCES			
DISCUSSION PAPERS		<i>Comments are not expected on this section as this is standard text used for all specifications.</i>	

INSTRUCTIONS FOR THE USE OF THE TEMPLATE

Comments received on draft specifications will be compiled so that all country comments are together in one table. The tables of compiled comments will be reviewed by the Standards Committee. Following these instructions will greatly facilitate the compilation of comments and the work of the Standards Committee.

Important:

- 1. Each row of the table should contain one comment only. Do not put several comments in the same row. To make several comments on one section, a new row should be added for each comment.**
- 2. Each comment should only contain the text of the modifications made. Do not include sentences or paragraphs for which no modifications are suggested.**
- 3. Do not add or delete columns and do not change their width. Be sure to add the title of the specification at the top of each table. Use one table for each specification.**

EXPLANATION OF THE TITLES OF THE COLUMNS AND THEIR EXPECTED CONTENT:

1. Section: This gives the titles of sections as they appear in the Specification, plus rows for general and specific comments.

- *Each cell in this column should contain a section title.*
- General comments apply to the entirety of the Specification. Specific comments apply to a defined section of the Specification, which should be clearly identified.
- If several comments are made on several paragraphs of the same section, it is suggested that one or several row(s) should be added. The titles of the section should be repeated in the new rows.
- If there is no comment on one section, the other cells in the row should be left empty or the entire row should be deleted.

2. Country name: The name of the country or organization submitting the comments should be indicated in every row for which a comment is being made to facilitate compilation of comments.

- *Each cell in this column should contain the country name.*

3. Proposed rewording: Rewording should always be proposed for any changes thought necessary to the text. As relevant, modifications to the current text should appear as revision marks (i.e. text which is added or deleted should appear in a distinct way from unchanged text, for example text added can be underlined and deleted text can be ~~struck through~~, as suggested on the example below. Suggestions for new paragraphs/indents should be clearly identified as such ("add...").

4. Explanation: This should always be completed if rewording is proposed and should include the justification for the proposed rewording. Such explanations are essential and should be sufficient for the Standards Committee to understand the reasoning behind the suggestion.

EXAMPLE OF A COUNTRY'S COMMENTS AS REVISION MARKS IN THE TEMPLATE

1. Section	2. Country name	3. Proposed rewording	4. Explanation
General comments	Country name	The use of NPPO and contracting parties need to be considered throughout the document and made consistent with the IPPC.	
4.1.2 Measures for imported consignments	Country name	Measures <u>Requirements</u> for imported consignments	Aligns with section 4, 4 th bullet
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