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Draft Plant Health Standards

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Are you a plant producer, plant health official, industry group member, or someone else with a stake in U.S. plant health or global plant trade? Are you interested in commenting on International Plant Protection Convention (IPPC) and North American Plant Protection Organization (NAPPO) documents?

This page has opportunities to comment on draft standards, documents, and specifications for plant health. When you share your thoughts, you can help us promote a safe, fair, and predictable trade system for U.S. products.

International Plant Protection Convention (IPPC) Consultation

There are at least four consultation periods throughout the year when your comments will be reviewed. After each consultation period closes, the IPPC Secretariat compiles the comments and posts them to the IPPC website.

- [Consultation on draft standards](#)—90 days, July 1 to September 30
- [Consultation on draft specifications](#)—90 days, dates vary
- [Consultation on CPM Recommendations](#)—90 days, July 1 to September 30

- [Expert consultation on diagnostic protocols](#)—30 days, dates vary
- [Notification period for diagnostic protocols](#)—45 days, July 1 to August 15 and January 5 to February 20
- [Consultation on Implementation and Capacity Development documents](#)—90 days, July 1 to September 30

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When ready, attach your draft with comments and email your comments **no later than August 15, 2025**, to:

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PPQ's NAPPO Technical Director

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Draft IPPC Standards and Other Documents Available for Comment

Draft Standards

Commodity standards proposed as annexes to ISPM 46:

- fresh *Musa* spp. fruit
- fresh *Colocasia esculenta* (taro) for consumption

Draft revision of ISPM 26 (Establishment and maintenance of pest free areas for fruit flies)

Draft annex to ISPM 23 on Field inspection

Draft Specifications

- Draft annex to ISPM 47 on Remote audits
- Revision of ISPM 12 (Phytosanitary certificates)
- Revision of ISPM 23 (Guidelines for inspection)

[View previous consultations on draft standards](#)

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North American Plant Protection Organization (NAPPO) Consultation

NAPPO consultation varies depending on the project and on timelines agreed to by the NAPPO governance committees. For more information, contact PPQ's NAPPO Technical Director Stephanie Dubon at stephanie.m.dubon@usda.gov.

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Draft NAPPO Standards Available for Comment

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