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 posts all the comments received on the IPPC website.

- Consultation on draft standards—90 days, July 1 to September 30
- Consultation on draft specifications—90 days, July 1 to September 30
- Consultation on CPM Recommendations—90 days, July 1 to September 30

- Expert consultation on diagnostic protocols—60 days, dates vary
- Notification period for diagnostic protocols—45 days, July 1 to August 15 and January 30 to March 15
- 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 to:

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Draft IPPC Standards and Other Documents Available for Comment

Draft Standards

There are no items open for comment at this time. Sign up for email updates, and we will let you know when new documents are available.

View previous consultations on draft standards

View previous consultations on draft specifications

View previous notification periods on diagnostic protocols

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 Stephanie Dubon at stephanie.m.dubon@usda.gov.

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NAPPO Standard Setting Process (SSP)

Other Commenting Opportunities

Your input helps us make better-informed decisions about actions that may interest or impact you. See all commenting opportunities related to plant health and let us know your thoughts.

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