



International
Plant Protection
Convention

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International workshop on reducing the introduction of pests through the sea container pathway

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National economies depend on the efficient and uninterrupted movement of trade, which is facilitated by the effective movement of sea containers through a complex and time-sensitive logistical system. With over 240 million containers shipped each year, the scale of sea container operations is monumental.

As a consequence, any regulatory requirements or changes to the system could have substantive negative knock-on effects that may far outweigh any benefits arising from the regulations.

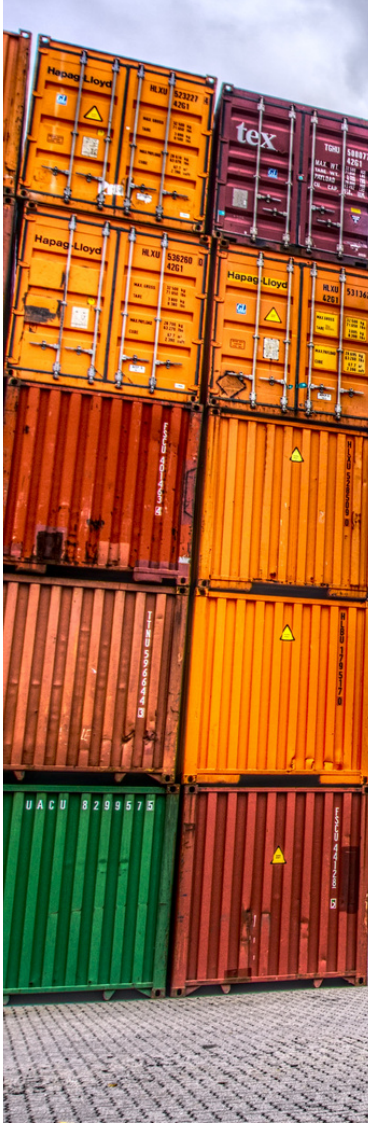
The Commission on Phytosanitary Measures (CPM), its committees and subgroups have actively considered the subject of pest movement via contamination of sea containers since 2008.

The type of commodity and the handling and storage of commodities prior to and during container packing constitute the most important stage of potential pest contamination of containers.

CPM concluded that:

- there was no way to track all stakeholders involved and that full accountability or custodianship was missing
- contracting parties may lack the capacity and legal basis to carry out inspections, given the large volume of container movements involved
- costs associated with container inspections would be very high, result in significant delays, and present considerable challenges (e.g. resources, availability of inspection locations).





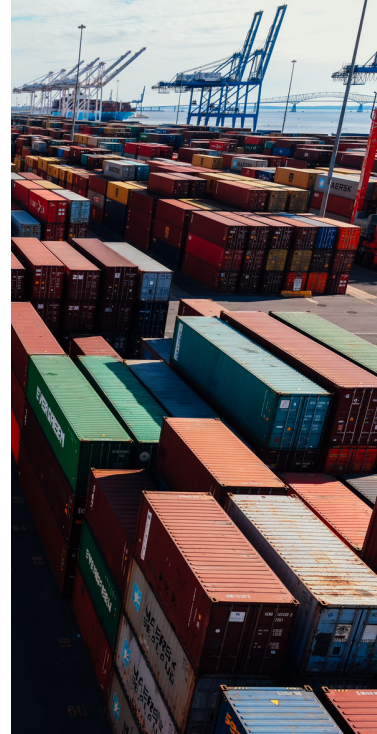
Objectives of the Workshop

- present and discuss the outputs of the SCTF report
- better understand potential ways to address pest contamination of sea containers and their cargoes and the (dis)advantages of each
- enhance knowledge of the factors limiting the development of new measures and implementation of a CPM Recommendation and/or ISPM
- analyse how potential targeted measures could address the issue of pest contamination, the advantages and disadvantages of each - risk reduction with minimal impact on container logistics
- raise IPPC community awareness of guidelines, recommendations or specific solution to reduce sea container pathway phytosanitary risk
- demonstrate importance of cross-regional and global cooperation to increase understanding of the information and prerequisites for developing successful measures

Expected outcomes

- awareness of the risks and impacts of moving pests that are harmful to plants on sea containers/cargoes
- importance of avoiding contamination of containers and their cargoes by all parties in the global supply chains is promoted
- identify and discuss questions on issues that remain unanswered and require further clarification

- practical and cost-effective solutions to reducing risks of transfer of pests and contaminants by the sea container pathway are explored and discussed
- recommendations on the path forward to globally address the pest risks associated with the movement of sea containers and their cargoes in a practical and sustainable way are collected for further consideration by CPM Focus Group in close collaboration with the Industry Advisory Group



The event web site is:

<https://www.ippc.int/en/core-activities/capacity-development/sea-containers/international-workshop-on-reducing-the-introduction-of-pests-through-the-sea-container-pathway/>

preliminary Agenda can be found at:
<https://www.ippc.int/en/publications/91316/>

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