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This presentation covers:

- **Introductions (IPS & Harmonization Advisory Group)**
- **What is IPPC (brief overview)**
  - Purpose, Scope, Activities
  - Standards Setting Process
  - How to participate
Harmonization Advisory Group (HAG) Coordination
The International Plant Protection Convention (IPPC)

- Multilateral treaty for international cooperation in plant protection (183 Contracting parties)
- Phytosanitary standard-setting body named in SPS Agreement
- Governed by Commission on Phytosanitary Measures
Commission on Phytosanitary Measures (CPM)
FAO, Rome, Italy
IPPC Scope

- Pests of plants including diseases and weeds
- Plants, plant parts, unprocessed plant products
- Storage places, conveyances, and containers
- Other objects or materials capable of transporting or spreading pests
IPPC Core activities

• Standard Setting
• Implementation and Capacity Development
• Communication and International Cooperation
• Reviewing global status of plant protection
IPPC standards (up to 2017)

- 42 adopted
- More in development
- https://www.ippc.int
IPPC Standards Setting Process

Stage 1: Developing the List of topics
Stage 2: Drafting
Stage 3: Consultation for draft ISPMs
Stage 4: Adoption and Publication

Standards Committee (SC) May 2018
How do IPPC standards affect PPQ’s work

- ISPMs directly or indirectly influence our work
  - bilateral work-plans
  - determination of appropriate measures
  - handling of certain types of commodities or materials,
  - requirements for production systems, or
  - accreditation of private entities
Standard Setting – how to participate?

- Who sets priorities?
- Who develops/drafts the standards?
- How are these standards implemented by countries?
- Other key issues about the process?
  - There are many opportunities for input

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Ongoing IPPC activities

- Electronic Phytosanitary Certificates (ePhyto)
- International Year of Plant Health (IYPH)
  - Please check our promotional brochures
Thank you for your time!