Policy recommendations for the ISPM 15 project

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Policy recommendations

• Need for a national legislation:
  - The national legislation should be broad and flexible in order to incorporate future changes;
  - Some reflections whether the national legislations should be harmonized at the African level ➔ role of IAPSC;

• NPPO should prepare policy documents on the requirements for potential WPM treating facilities (available on the NPPO web page for clarity and transparency);

• NPPO should prepare policy documents about the content of the audits:
  - Frequency of the audit according to best practices shared;
  - Announced/non announced audit?
  - Type of controls (e.g. proof of evidence of compliance);
  - Fines, suspensions, etc...;
  - Penalties for facilities refusing audits or for non implementing the standard according to the ISPM 15.
Policy recommendations

• The list of the authorized WPM treating facilities should be publicly available (NPPO web page). The list should display the license expiry date too;

• Each NPPO may put in place a cost recovery mechanisms for the audits (e.g. charge for audits). The drawback is that the mechanism may have negative spillover effects;

• There may be a need for an alternative WPM treatment, considering the fact the MB has been phased out in Cameroon ➔ this has to be brought up to the IPPC attention;

• There are three WPM treatments adopted in ISPM 15 (HT, MB and DH). No other treatments should be used;

• NPPOs should inform markers that care should be taken when applying the mark; uniformity of the mark.
Policy recommendations

• NPPO should provide clarification on the efficacy of the treatments (HT and MB are equivalent);

• Does the treatment have an expiry date? Is it valid for only 3 months? Are the WPMs free of pest after being stored for 6 months in a dry place ➔ submit these questions to the IFQRQ group;

• Investigate the compliance of informal WPM repairer facilities?

• Countries agree to submit policy recommendations at Successes and Challenges at CPM;

• Clarify when the retreatment for repaired WPM is required (doubt on how to measure what repairing 1/3 of the WPM means)?
Policy recommendations

• Provide recommendation for the optimal length of the license for WPM treating facilities;

• Supply guidelines for inspectors inspecting imported goods (both fruit and vegetables and other goods);

• Strengthen inter-agencies cooperation between custom and SPS authority, with the overall goal to facilitate safe trade (i.e. trade facilitation agreement, single window facility).