Recommendations and Summary Minutes of the PPPO Executive Committee Meeting

20 – 24 August 2001
Capricorn Hotel, Nadi Fiji Islands

Agenda Item 1 – Welcome and Opening

Apologies*:* Guam and Wallis & Futuna

Working hours: The meeting adopted the following hours of work 8.30 – 10.30; 11.00 – 1.00; 2-3.30; 4-5.30

Drafting Committee: New Zealand, PNG, Secretariat and Chairperson

Draft agenda adopted unchanged

Agenda Item 2 – PPPO agenda items – ISPMs: country position for RPPO/ICPM

Recommendations:

1. Draft ISPM be distributed electronically to all official PPPO contact points to overcome the problem of excessive delays in distribution by the IPPC Secretariat to Pacific Island countries.

   Action: PPPO Secretariat to request IPPC Secretariat to distribute electronically draft ISPMs to all PPPO contact points.

2. IPPC Secretariat to develop plain English and plain language versions of other official FAO languages of existing ISPMs, and that in future all new ISPMs be developed using plain language, to assist countries that have FAO official languages as their second language.

Action: PPPO Secretariat / Chairman to raise the issue at RPPO 14 in Auckland.

3. PPPO Secretariat to circulate ISPM amendments to all countries and territories and to request them to individually review and forward their comments by e-mail (robert.griffin@fao.org) to the IPPC Secretariat before October 20th 2001.

4. PPPO recommends that drafters of ISPMs reconsider the practice of defining ordinary English words into phytosanitary terms, eg. establish.

   Appendix 1-6 contain draft ISPMs. Suggested Changes are in bold face and italics.

Draft ISPM - Woodpackaging material – Appendix 1

Action: Sean Newland to contact HortResearch NZ to clarify whether any work has been carried out to determine if HTFA can be used as a treatment for woodpackaging.

Action: Guenther Rapp to investigate how researchers measured the temperature inside the core based on the references used for the draft ISPM.

Draft ISPM - Integrated Measures for Pest Risk Management (Systems Approaches) – Appendix 2

Draft ISPM - Regulated Non-Quarantine Pests: Concept and Applications – Appendix 3

Draft ISPM - Amended Glossary of Phytosanitary Terms – Appendix 4

Action: PPPO Secretariat to consult with French territories on glossary changes.

Draft ISPM - Pest Reporting – Appendix 5

Recommendation: Refering to section 6 of the ISPM on pest reporting, PPPO member countries continue to report instances of new pests via SPC PestAlerts, Pestinfo and Pacific Pestnet to IPPC and other stakeholders in accordance with ISPM on Pest Reporting

Draft ISPM - Guidelines for an Import Regulatory System – Appendix 6

Agenda Item 3 – Regional policy on re-exports policy on shipments (PPPO3 agenda 23)

Appendix 7

Action: Presentation of policy as discussion paper at RPPO 14

Agenda Item 4 - PPPO Logo and amendment

Recommendation

1. The Secretariat to finalise the agreed black and white and coloured versions of the Logo in accordance with the PPPO Exco approved examples of illustrations with a change to the word "organisation" from shadow outline to solid.

2. The Secretariat to distribute to countries the logos and the concepts and the rationale for using "PLANTES" for plant in the French version (as per "EPPO") and request comment on logo and title within 30 days.

Agenda Item 5 – "Join IPPC" promotion in the Pacific

Recommendation

1. Secretariat to take the initiative and distribute information on benefits and model letters of acceptance and adherence and any additional information for cabinet

submission to Ministries of Foreign Affairs with copies to Ministries of Agriculture and NPPOs.
Action: New Zealand to look into Tokelau as a NZ territory and adopt appropriate procedures.

Agenda Item 6 – Representative from the Pacific on the ICPM Standards Committee

Recommendation

1. Secretariat to inform the ICPM Secretariat of the following nominations for the South West Pacific on the ICPM Standards Committee:
   - Dr John Hedley – New Zealand
   - Mr Sione Foliaki – Tonga
   - Australia (person to be nominated)

Action: Australia to provide name of nominee that complies with the selection criteria for ICPM Standards Committee to the Secretariat by end of August.

Agenda Item 7 – Methyl bromide update

Recommendations:

1. PPPO Secretariat to send reminder to Foreign Affairs departments cc to all stakeholders informing them about methyl bromide, stressing Copenhagen Amendment to the Montreal Protocol

2. Raise with RPPO Secretariat the issue of pursuing with urgency the development of inexpensive methyl bromide alternatives for quarantine use in developing countries.

Action: PPPO Secretariat to place item on RPPO 14 Agenda and chairperson to raise the issue at RPPO 14

Agenda Item 8 – PPP (PPS) status report:

The Secretariat informed the meeting that the EU-Pacific Plant Protection (PPP) (formerly Pacific Plant Protection Service-PPPS) had reached an advanced stage in the project approval process and was likely to start on 1 January 2002.

Agenda Item 9 – Quarantine and market access conference 2001, Canberra 17 – 18 October

Action: PPPO nominations for the attendance of the conference are:

Mr Kirifi Pouono – Biosecurity sessions

Dr Guenther Rapp - Methyl bromide

Dr Jacqui Wright - Ballast water

Participants to report to PPPO Secretariat before RPPO 14 Auckland

Other NPPOs wishing to attend the conference would need to approach national donor offices for assistance.

Agenda Item 10 – Proposed PPPO Regional Biosecurity public awareness campaign

Secretariat reported that there was agreement in principal that SPC-PPS and NZMAF Biosecurity would jointly develop a regional Public Awareness programme under PPPO. Australia would be invited to participate in a joint Public Awareness Programme.

Action: Mr. David Letham to raise the issue of Australia participating and co-funding the regional Public Awareness programme.

Agenda Item 11 – General emergency response plan

Recommendations

1. PICTs to provide comments to SPC – PPS (Guenther Rapp) on the distributed General ERP before September 6th 2001.

2. PICTs to nominate for workshops to facilitate the development of national ERPs that are based on the regional guideline.

   Current country schedule

French Polynesia	Nov	2001
Tonga + Niue	Jan - Feb	2002
Samoa	Jan - Feb	2002
FSM	Apr- May	2002

Action: PPPO chairperson to confirm arrangements with Niue.

Agenda Item 12 – Other business

1. RPPO 14 Auckland 29-31 October 2001
   Currently funding is being sought for participation by PPPO Ex.Com. at RPPO 14. Should funding not be available the Secretariat and PPPO Chairperson will attend.

2. Recommendation: Whenever appropriate NPPOs adopt the term Biosecurity to project the aim and purpose of quarantine services.

   Action: PPPO to promote the adoption of the Biosecurity concept during RPPO 14.

   Definition of Biosecurity by executives of PPPO: Sustainable protection of biological resources (animal, plant, environment, human health).

Biosecurity - a good word to promote public interest and cooperation within the aims of quarantine services.

Agenda Item 13 – Closure

Special Consultation Sessions
Trade with Australia and New Zealand in Fresh fruit and vegetables (Appendix 8)
Regional training programme in quarantine and plant protection summary (Appendix 9) (Full report to be provided separately to all Heads of Agriculture, Quarantine and Plant Protection Services)