



THE PROGRESS ON THE DEVELOPMENT OF  
**“GUIDANCE ON PHYTOSANITARY  
PROCEDURES FOR SEED HEALTH  
CERTIFICATION”**

presented by Thailand

# BACKGROUND

- In 2017, the proposal on RSPM for seed was approved during the 30th session of the APPPC meeting.
- During 2018-2019, the draft specification and standard were developed in accordance with ISPM38 and based on the concept of commodity standard. Chilli seed was recommended as the priority annex.
- In November 2019, the draft standard “Phytosanitary procedures for seed health certification” was proposed for adoption in the 31st session of the APPPC meeting. However, this proposal was not approved due to 3 main recommendations:

# BACKGROUND (CONT.)

- List of pests known to associate or not associate with chilli seed, including emerging pests, should be reconsidered.
- The draft RSPM seemed to duplicate ISPM 38
- The format of this draft standard on group of seed commodity was not agreed. It was recommended to develop as a stand alone guidance for each seed commodity.

# BACKGROUND (CONT.)

- The small working group was established for seeking new solutions:
  1. The concept of generic Regional Implementation Guidance (RIG) on phytosanitary procedure to implement ISPM 38 for seed for countries producing seed for planting.
  2. The structure of the RIG: ISPM 38 is the overarching standard for seed trade in the region; generic regional guidance to implement particular aspects of the measures or requirements in the ISPM38; with details for specific seed commodities as annexes, e.g. chilli.
  3. Its inclusion in APPPC Work Plan for 2020-2021

## Scope and Purpose

This Regional Implementation Guidance will provide overarching guidance for the APPPC member countries in implementing ISPM 38 for producing seeds for field planting. This includes descriptions of practical phytosanitary measures that could be used to reduce pest risks in each steps of the seed export system, including:

- a. sources of seeds and pre-planting
- b. multiplication in the field and harvesting
- c. post-harvest seed preparation and handling
- d. seed treatment
- e. sampling
- f. phytosanitary inspection
- g. testing prior to phytosanitary certification
- h. phytosanitary security.

The attachments to this Guidance also provide specific descriptions and information for specific seed commodity including pests associated with seeds, accepted efficacious seed treatments, recognized diagnostic testing protocols and other pest detection methods.

This Guidance only applies to phytosanitary matters of seeds and does not address seed quality.

# TENTATIVE ACTION PLAN

1. <b><u>Specification</u></b> is drafted.	1/7/20 to 15/8/20
2. Agreed draft specification is circulated for consideration and adoption.	16/8/20 to 30/9/20
3. Call for <b><u>expert working group</u></b> members.	1/10/20 to 15/10/20
4. Call for phytosanitary measures and implementing procedure for seed including specific information for chilli seed.	16/10/20 to 15/11/20
5. The working group lead drafts the guidance according to the specification.	16/11/20 to 28/2/21
6. The <b><u>draft guidance</u></b> are submitted to the APPPC Standards Committee for reviewing and granting approval before circulating for member consultation.	1/3/21 to 31/3/21
7. The approved draft guidance is <b><u>distributed for consultation</u></b> (90 days).	1/4/21 to 30/6/21
8. The draft guidance is revised by the APPPC Standards Committee with the assistance of the APPPC Secretariat.	1/7/21 to 31/7/21
9. The final version is <b><u>submitted to the Commission for adoption</u></b> by the 32 <sup>nd</sup> session of the APPPC meeting.	1/8/21 to .....



**Thank you for your attention**