

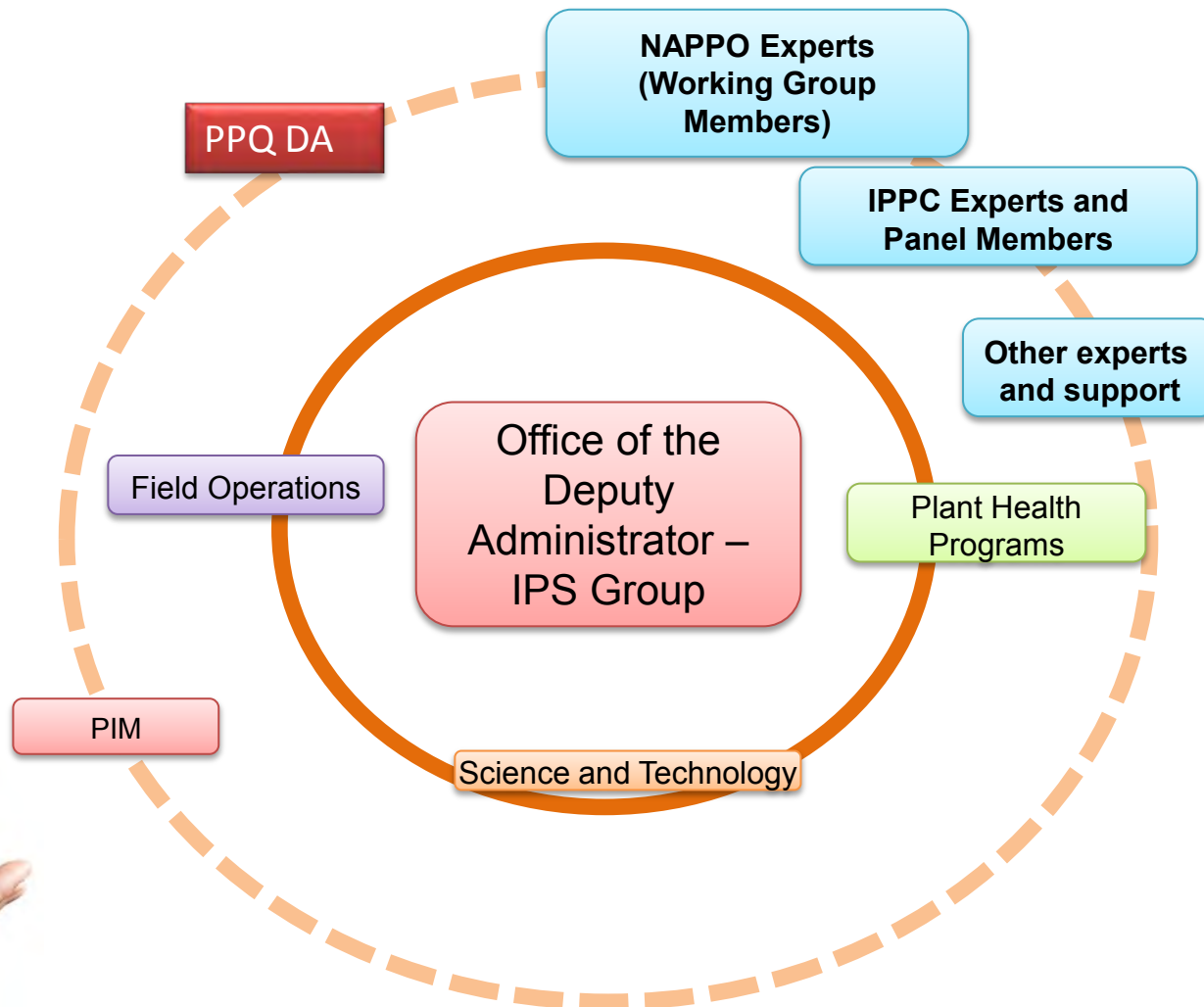
International Standards as a Tool for Harmonization

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International Standards and SPS Agreement

- **Harmonization:**
 - The establishment, recognition and application of common sanitary and phytosanitary measures by different Members (WTO-SPS)
- **Standard setting bodies**
 - Codex Alimentarius
 - International Office of Epizootics
 - International Plant Protection Convention



C O D E X A L I M E N T A R I U S



Seeds

- **seeds (as a commodity class)***- Seeds for **planting** or intended for planting and not for consumption or processing (see **grain**) [FAO, 1990; revised ICPM, 2001; revised CPM, 2015]



Eatseed.com

Regional Harmonization

- There are currently nine Regional Plant Protection Organizations (RPPO)
- Most seed trade requirements are based on country-commodity regulations
- One sub-regional standard (Comunidad Andina)
- One regional standard (NAPPO)



RSPM 36: Phytosanitary Guidelines for the Movement of Seed (2013)

- The objective of this standard is to provide guidelines which will help:
 - Prevent the entry and spread of regulated pests associated with seeds
 - Facilitate re-export of seeds from NAPPO countries
 - Promote the use of harmonized phytosanitary import requirements, testing/diagnostic protocols, and phytosanitary certification systems for seed.



IPPC call for topics 2009

- 16 proposals total
- 5 for international movement of seed:
 - Canada,
 - USA,
 - European Commission,
 - International Seed Federation (ISF),
 - Turkey
- New topic is included in the IPPC Work Program





Now we are all ready to harmonize, right?

Draft ISPM *International movement of seeds:* Background

Steward: Dr. Nico Horn (Netherlands) replaced Ms. Julie Aliaga (USA) who left for another position in APHIS.

- First EWG met 1-5 July 2013 in The Hague (NL).
- Member Consultation 2014



Development

- Contracting parties submitted **1,139** comments during the 2014 country consultation phase for this draft ISPM.
- Stewards addressed some of the country comments, and the draft was considered at the Standards Committee Working Group (SC-7) in May 2015.
- Because of the high volume of comments, the SC was unable to fully and adequately address all these comments and to begin the necessary revision of a new draft text at its May 2015 meeting.



Examples of major comments from 2014

- Current definition of “seeds” in relation to the terminology of “intended use” found in the draft.
- Consideration of adding guidance on identifying potential pests associated with seeds as the pathway for introduction and spread to use in pest risk analysis (PRA).
- Inclusion of a new section on Pest Risk Management to clearly separate the three stages of PRA.



Examples of major comments from 2014 (continued)

- Section on “Phytosanitary certification” referred only to re-export of seeds rather than to the entire export process.
- The proper use of terms “tolerance” and “resistance”.
- Considering Regulated Non Quarantine Pests in the standard because seeds are plants for planting.



Examples of major comments from 2014 (continued)

- Ranking the seeds in relation to their risk based on the end use:
 - seeds for purposes other than planting (i.e., research)
 - seeds for planting under restricted conditions
 - seeds for planting under field conditions.
- Considering the elements of mixing and blending of seeds as a part of a PRA section

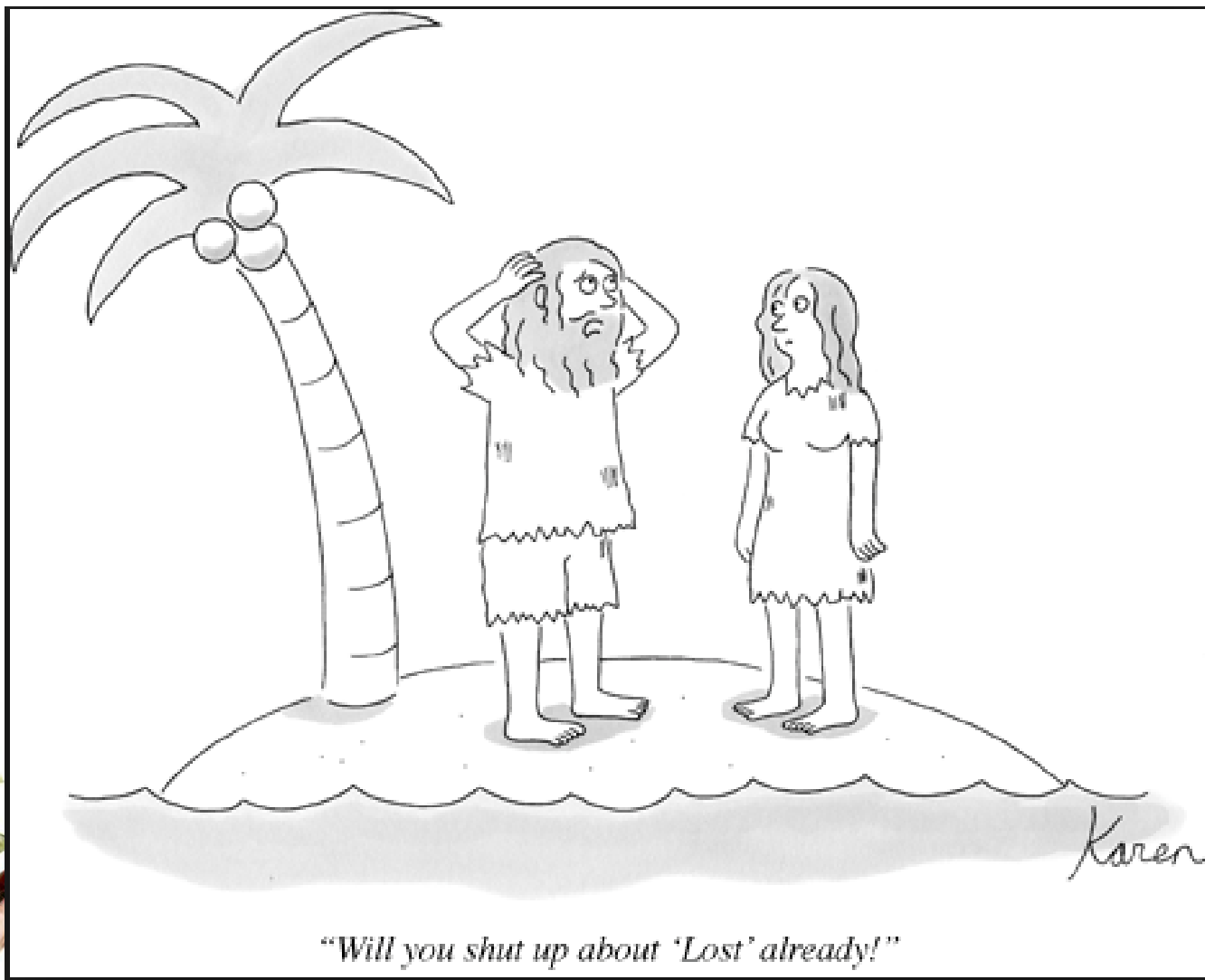


Examples of major comments from 2014 (continued)



- Considering the definitions of “seed-borne” and “seed-transmitted” in those cases where trace-back is needed and to check the impact of these definitions in the standard.
- Recommendations from some countries for including case studies in the standard with different export and re-export scenarios and appropriate additional declarations options.





Moving forward

- The SC has requested the EWG to revise the draft for another review at the SC meeting in November 2015.
- An additional meeting may still be needed to resolve differences, address the comments, and/ or prepare a new draft of the seed standard.
- This draft may need to go back for another round of country consultations depending on the substantive changes made to the original draft text since 2014.



Thank you!



Questions?

