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International Symposium: Optimizing Container Design to Mitigate Risks of Pest Contamination in the International Containerized Supply Chain

Dear Sir/Madam,

We are pleased to inform you that the International Plant Protection Convention (IPPC) Secretariat, in collaboration with the Container Owners Association (COA), the World Shipping Council (WSC), and the Bureau International des Containers (BIC) is organizing the International Symposium: Optimizing Container Design to Mitigate Risks of Pest Contamination in the International Containerized Supply Chain.

The symposium will be hosted at the Hilton Rotterdam, Rotterdam, Netherlands (Kingdom of the), on Monday 11 November 2024.

We cordially invite you to attend this important in-person International Symposium, which has been strategically scheduled to coincide with the Intermodal Europe conference to allow attendance by top container design experts, industry stakeholders and members of the CPM focus Group on Sea Containers.

The symposium has two primary objectives:

- to develop actionable strategies for achieving the specific recommendations identified in CPM [Recommendation 06](#), i.e. the recommendation related to cracks, gaps and crevices; the recommendation to use light-colored coatings for undercarriages; and the recommendation to cease the use of bitumastic undercarriage coatings in new production.
- to collectively consider and formulate other actionable design proposals, such as improvements to the design of the undercarriage and of vents, which can contribute to further risk reduction.

The programme outline for the symposium will be available on [IPPC website](#).

To register for the symposium please use this link <https://ee-eu.kobotoolbox.org/x/DgbL4Wj7>

Should you require any further information at this stage, please do not hesitate to contact IPPC Secretariat:

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