

NATIONAL PLANT QUARANTINE SERVICES
DIVISION

Chief, NPOSD
SG-24

Biotech
Secretariat

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Pest Risk Analysis
Section

PRA conducts Risk Analysis for Imported products (pest categorization, risk assessment and risk management)
-Conducts PRA in situations where there is pest outbreak in the country of import or in the Philippines
-Revisits the existing PRA's where there is high pest detection, changed in policies/regulations and new pest information in the country of import
-Establishment/updating pest data base
-Review of PQ import conditions
-Communicates with stakeholders & trading partners on the result of the PRA
-Visit exporting country to determine the phytosanitary measures to be implemented prior to export or during shipment of the commodity

Market Access
Section

-Develop a work programme for the market access proposals
-Gather information & compile dossier
-Prepare market access submissions
-Consider results of risk analysis by importing country
-Recommend policy & operation of regulatory requirements
-Identifies/request/maintain market for agricultural products
-Drafts Multi-lateral and Bilateral Agreements/Agreements/workplan based on results of PRA
-Engages in actual negotiations with other countries
-Consultation with stakeholders

Special Programs
Section

-Low Monitoring Survey
-Mango Program
-Okra Program

Laboratory
Operation and
Diagnostic
Section

-Oversee the implementation of all laboratories of the NPOSD
-Function as a center for pests identification and standardization of diagnostic procedures
-Develop new procedures for diagnosis & control of pests
-Provide accurate & timely identification of pest to be used as basis for any quarantine actions or decisions
-Collaborate w/ experts/scientist in providing technical assistance on matters related to different plant pest groups
--Evaluate the needs & prepare action plan for development/improvement of each of the laboratory

Data Base
Management
System Section

-Collects, organize, stores, modifies, updates, extract and provides information on Plant Quarantine
-Consolidation of monthly regional report & annual reports
-Establish /maintain/update /manage export & import data for agricultural plants & plant products

Information and
Communication
Section

-IEC
-Press Release
-Maintenance/ updating of the PQS website

SPS Section

-Gather/ update/submit/upl oad required info in compliance w/ the Phil. National reporting obligations to the IPPC, APPPC
-review comment, act on notification related to trade
-Review/ evaluate/ comment on the draft ISPM
-Address issues/concerns on the implementation/enforcement of the food safety act
-Negotiate dispute on any matter that may arise under the SPS Agreement
-Prepares position papers/brief for delegations attending international forums such as SOM-AMAF, CPM, WTO, BINAP, etc.

Capacity Building
and Cooperation
Section

-Identify possible source of fund for capacity/capability building for all aspects of quarantine
-Coordinates w/ funding agencies which will support the capability enhancement programs
-formulate proposals to be submitted to possible funding agencies
-determine capacity/cap. Enhancement needs of the NPSQD
-Manage the financial & administrative aspect of quarantine

NPOSD
Stations

-Inspects targeted cargo for pests and diseases
-Direct the treatment, reshipment, re-exportation, or destruction of consignment when harboring pests, pathogens are found
-Encode relevant data to the DA Trade System
-Organize and conduct diagnostic tests as required.

Accreditation &
Licensing
Section

-Import
-Export
-(Exporter/ Facility Operator/ Farmer)
-Treatment Providers
-Vapor Heat Treatment/ Extended Hot Water Treatment /Fumigators, Heat Treatment)
-Clearances

Quarantine
Policy &
Coordination
Section

-Supports activities of the PQ Board
-Drafts Memo/ AO & National Guidelines in compliance with approved International standards
-Coordinates with other regulatory agencies of DA which has overlapping functions w/ the NPOSD
-Identifies/ formulates/ reviews quarantine policies & issuances
-Coordinates w/ the PRA group on the formulation of AOs, agreements, workplan as a results of the completed PRA