



Egyptian Phytosanitary Policies and the International Commitments

**The Central Administration
of Plant Quarantine**





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- ❖ Staff: 700 (technical and administrative);
- ❖ 5 General Administrations;
- ❖ Works in 37 check points (seaports, airports and dry ports) and numerous packing stations;
- ❖ Established Phytosanitary Policies Unit in 2005;
- ❖ Rules and regulations are harmonized with international commitments
- ❖ Based its operational and basic principles on the international standards and provisions

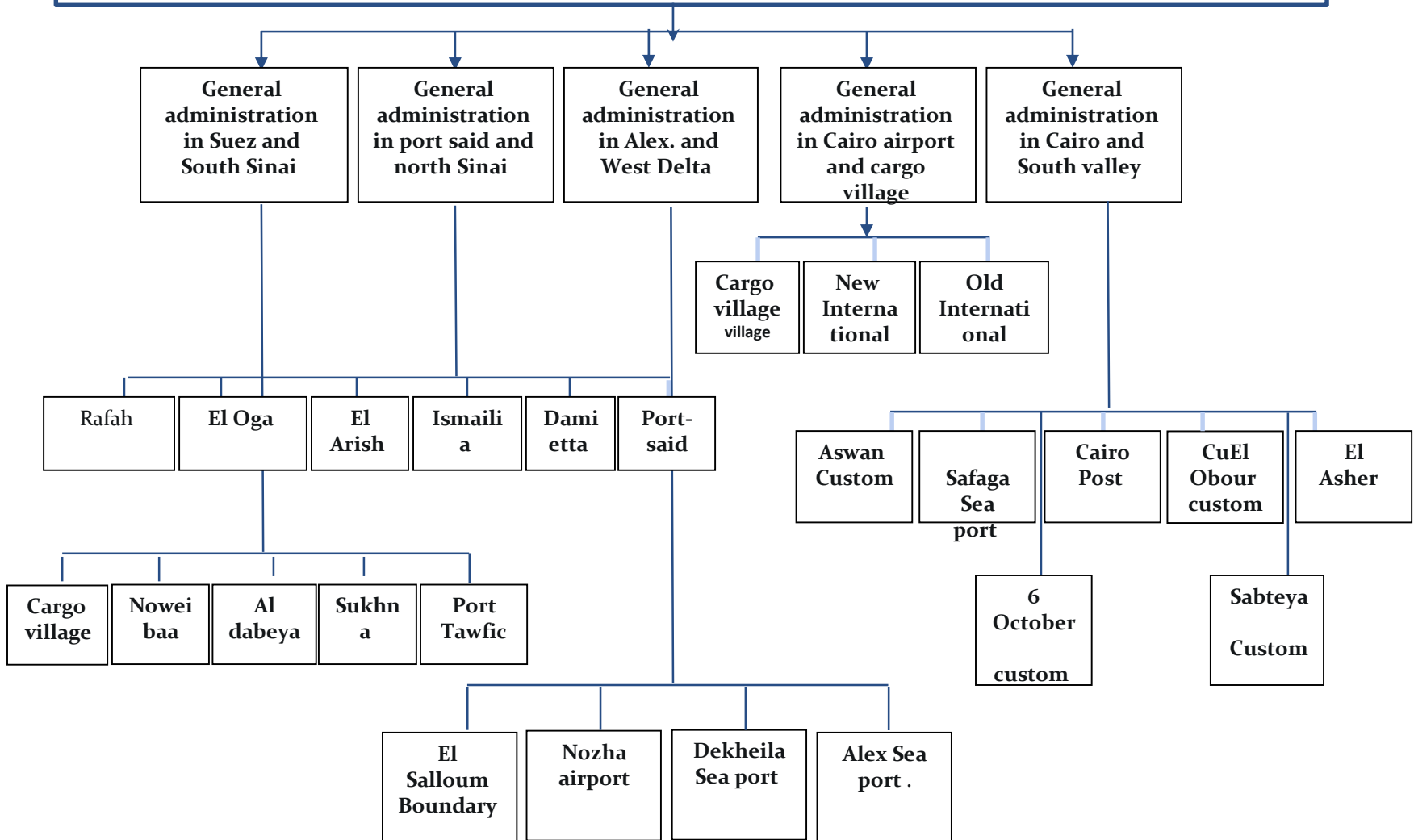


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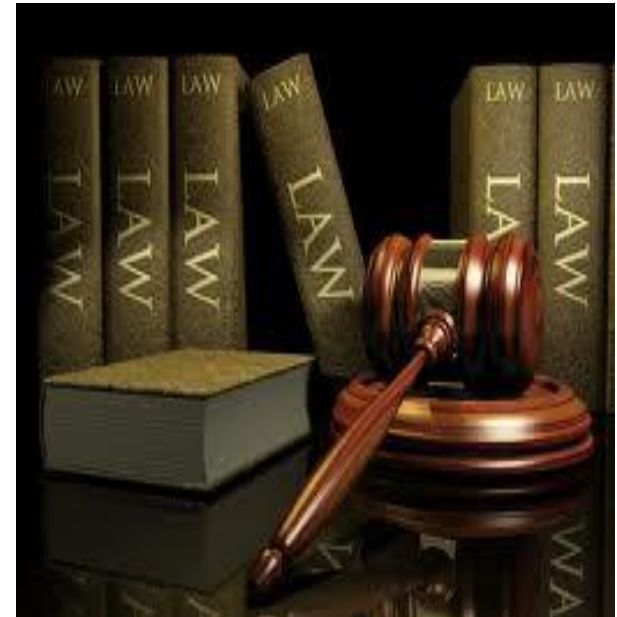
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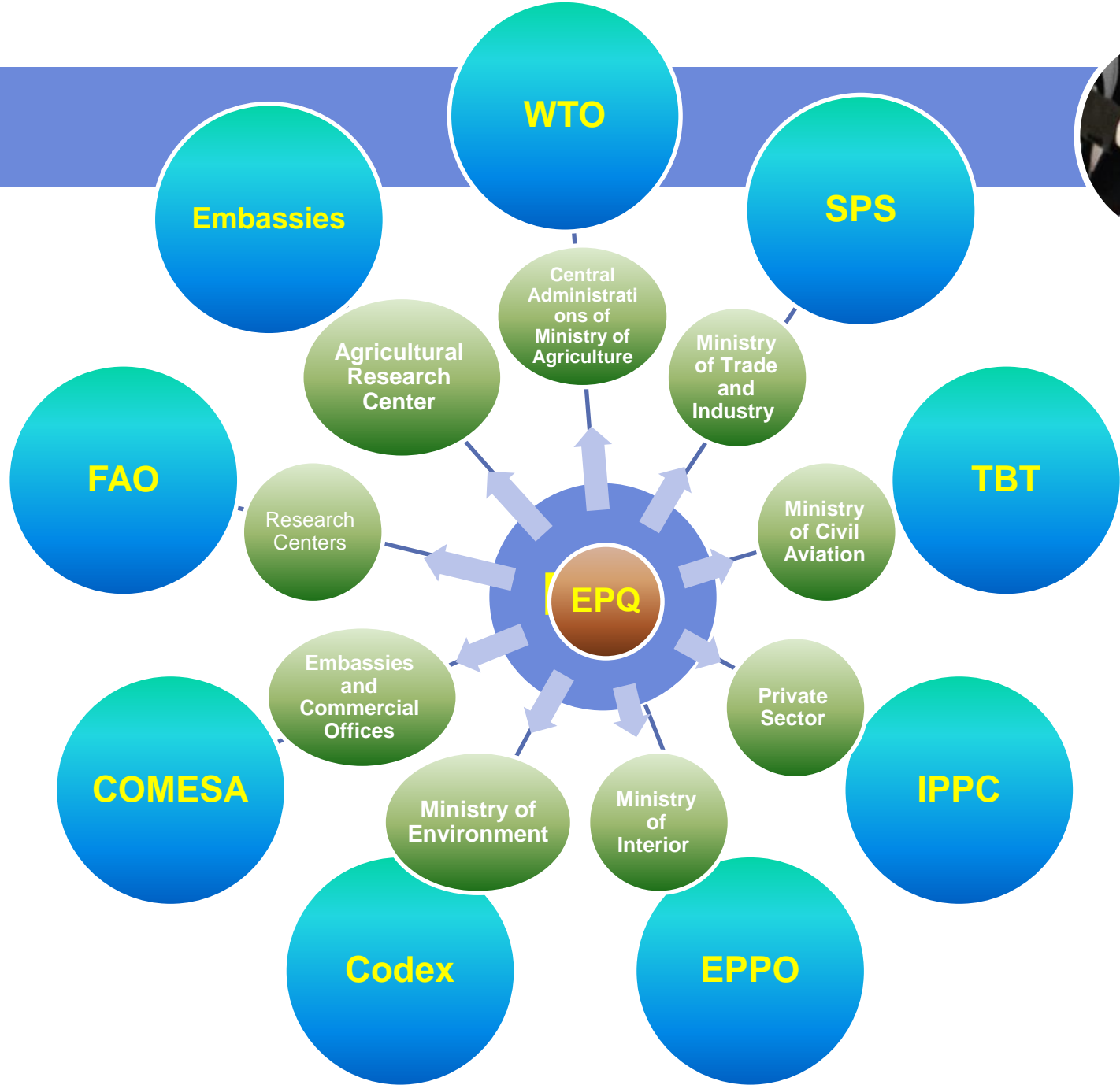




Legal Framework

- ❖ Agriculture law No. 53/1966.
- ❖ Egyptian Plant Quarantine legislation (Decree No. 3007/2001).
- ❖ Decrees of Plant Quarantine Works Committees.
- ❖ Conditions and standards of relevant international agreements (SPS&IPPC).
- ❖ Quarantine conditions of imported countries.
- ❖ Regional, bilateral and multilateral agreements

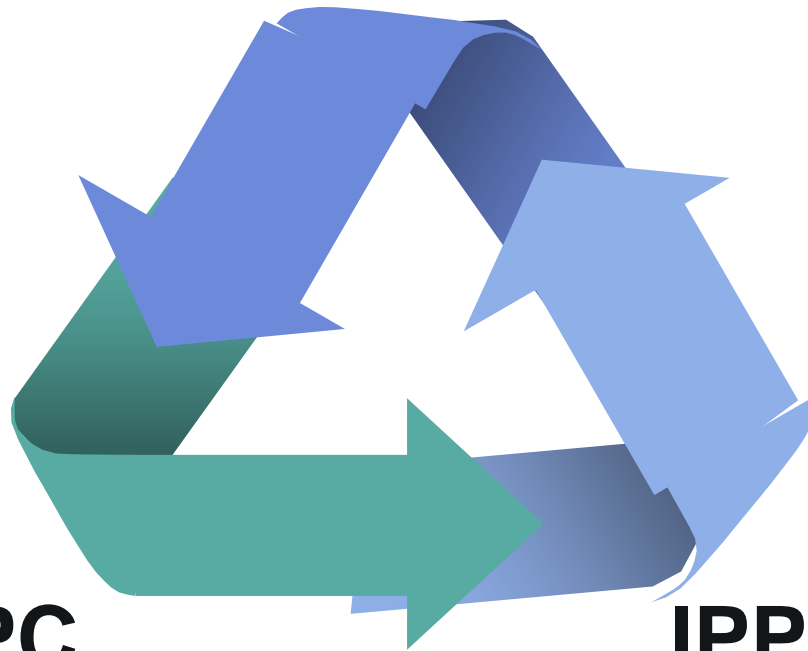






Principles of Egyptian Phytosanitary Policies

WTO-SPS



FAO-IPPC

IPPC-ISPMs



1- Necessity :

Egyptian plant Quarantine takes into account that the adopted phytosanitary measures are necessary to prevent the introduction and/or spread of quarantine pests, or to limit the economic impact of regulated non-quarantine pests.

2- Minimal impact:

Egypt PQ phytosanitary measures represent the least restrictive measures available, and result in the minimum impediment to the international trade.



3- Transparency :

The relevant information of phytosanitary measures are available to other countries through official publishing through the Official Egyptian Gazette, and the WTO-SPS notifications.

Notify SPS

4- Harmonization:

With the aim of development of harmonized standards for phytosanitary measures, Egyptian PQ takes into account, as appropriate, international standards when undertaking activities related to IPPC





5- Non-discrimination

Phytosanitary measures applied without discrimination between countries as long as they have the same phytosanitary status and apply equivalent phytosanitary measures.

6- Technical justification:

Adopted Phytosanitary measures are based on the basis of Risk Assessment.



7- Equivalence of phytosanitary measures:

We recognize alternative phytosanitary measures proposed by exporting country as equivalent when those measures are demonstrated to achieve the appropriate level of protection as determined by our regulation



8- Risk Assessment:

Egypt based its regulations and requirements on the results of Risk Assessment.

No phytosanitary measures are required if they are not supported by scientific justification.



Achievements



1- Harmonization with international provisions:

Egypt's regulations and principles are harmonized with the provisions of WTO-SPS and FAO-IPPC.

2- Implementations of ISPMs: *inter alia*

- ❖ ISPM #1 Phytosanitary principles.
- ❖ ISPM #2 - 11 Guidelines for pest risk analysis .
- ❖ ISPM #4 Requirements for establishment of Pest Free Areas
- ❖ ISPM #5 Glossary of phytosanitary terms.
- ❖ ISPM #7 Export certification system.
- ❖ ISPM #10 Requirements for the establishment of pest free places of production and pest free production sites.
- ❖ ISPM #12 Guidelines for phytosanitary certificates..



- ❖ **ISPM No. 13 Guidelines for the notification of non compliance and emergency action .**
- ❖ **ISPM #15 Revised- Regulation of wood packaging material in international trade.**

3- Free Trade:

The phytosanitary measures are applied at the least restrictive level, and result in the minimum impediment to the international trade.

4- Market access:

Based on risk analysis results, Egypt allowed the entry of new commodities from new origins.





5- Human Resources:

- ❖ **Extensive training courses on the WTO and IPPC principles and Risk Assessment methodologies**
- ❖ **New highly educated staff.**
- ❖ **Advanced training courses in developed countries on the daily plant quarantine work**
- ❖ **Efficacy tests for pre-clearance inspection teams to ensure a fair trade**





6- Participations in International Events:

- ❖ **Committee of sanitary and phytosanitary measures (SPS) in Geneva**
- ❖ **Meeting of the international commission for phytosanitary measures (IPPC) in Rome**
- ❖ **Regional workshops for reviewing the drafts of international standards of phytosanitary measures**





Future Strategic Goals

For the full harmonization with international standards and provisions, Egypt started a twinning project with the European Union for strengthening of Egyptian phytosanitary control system

Current stage: finalizing the assessment report to draft the twinning fiche





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