



Draft ISPM Export Phytosanitary Certification System (Revision of ISPM No. 7)

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Reason for Revision

- Originally adopted in 1997
- Included into IPPC standard setting work programme by CPM-1 (2006) for its revision
- To provide updated and clearer guidance necessary for export certification procedures and interaction with ISPM No.12






Scope and Outline of Requirements -1

- To describe an export phytosanitary certification system to be addressed by NPPOs
- To provide a guidance to produce valid and credible Phytosanitary certificates that should meet the Phytosanitary requirements of importing country





Scope and Outline of Requirements -2

- NPPOs should have legal authority and management responsibility, including resources, documentation, communication and review mechanism
- The elements of Phytosanitary certification process includes ascertaining the relevant Phytosanitary requirements of importing country, verifying consignments if it conforms to those requirements





Requirements -1

Legal Authority

- The NPPO should have the authority by legislative or administrative means for actions to implement safeguards against conflict of interest, fraudulent use of certificates
- The NPPO may have the authority to prevent the export of non-conforming consignments to the requirements of importing country





Requirements -2

NPPO Responsibility

An NPPO is responsible for:

a management system to ensure Phytosanitary certification specifications, legislative and administrative requirements include:

- identification of a person or office, its duties and lines for communication responsible for export certification
- employing or authorizing appropriate personnel
- providing sustained training





Requirements -3

Resources and Infrastructure

- NPPOs should have personnel who are technically qualified, skilled and has no financial interest in the outcome, and should perform(or supervising):
 - sampling, inspection, testing of consignments
 - identification of plants and pests
 - phytosanitary treatment
 - Interpretation of import requirements
 - producing operational instructions





Requirements -4

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- developing certification scheme
 - completion and issuance of PC
 - training etc.
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- Best practices for NPPOs issuing PC are specified in Annex (under development)





Requirements -5

Other requirements

The NPPO:

- should have available official current information on importing country's phytosanitary requirements
- may request exporters to provide such information and any changes on it
- should provide information on regulated pests for the importing country
- should have an adequate equipments and facilities for phytosanitary procedures





Requirements -6

Documentation

- Documentation system should be in place
- Guidance provided in ISPM No.12 for completion and issuance of the PC and formats in Annex of the IPPC should be used
- Copy of the PC issued and record of each consignments should be kept for trace back





Requirements -7

Communication

Timely communication with relevant authorities, industry and between NPPOs

System review mechanism

Periodical review for effectiveness of the export certification system should be done

