



IPPC Contact Points and the Exchange of Official Information

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Nomination

Article VIII: International Cooperation

*Each contracting parties shall designate **a** contact point for the exchange of information connected with the implementation of this Convention*





Role

- **Exchange of official information**
- **Coordination**
 - internal
 - trading partners etc.
- **Appropriate response**
- **Official information**
 - verification of unofficial data!?
- **Bilateral**





Functions

NPPO spokesperson / enquiry point

- Relevant authority
- Official information

Distribution point / “post box”

- Incoming
- Outgoing

Meet information exchange obligations under IPPC

- Central to the functioning of the IPPC





Benefits

Single contact person on all IPPC issues

Official status

Improved reliability

Improved transparency

Builds trust

Improved response time





Secretariat

- **copies with formal correspondence**
- **direct communication**
 - only point of contact with government
- **notifications**
- **response to queries**





A Number of Challenges

- **Nomination**
- **Updating**
 - lack of follow-up to changes e.g. tel. & fax.
 - frequent changes in people & office
- **Poor functioning**
 - lack of response
 - not aware of role and obligations
 - lack of authority
 - not integrated into national IPPC process





Nominations for IPP

IPPC contact points

- busy
- cannot do everything
- who is going to do data entry in IPP?

Nomination of IPP “editors”

- formal nomination by IPPC OCP
- responsible for OCP data entry

