

# National Reporting Obligations

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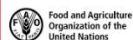


# 1. Reference of NROs in the Convention

- **Purpose:** International cooperation in controlling pests of plants and plant products and in preventing their international spread, and especially their introduction into endangered areas
- **Timeline:** The IPPC was first adopted in 1951 and underwent a major revision in 1997. The Convention includes numerous provisions regarding reporting obligations, so called National Reporting Obligations (NROs), which help Contracting Parties achieve the objectives of the Convention.
- **Obligations:** All countries that signed the Convention are obliged to and are responsible for the implementation of all reporting obligations. All reporting obligations have the same legal value and are of equal importance.
- **Reason:** Having NROs is to ensure that a minimum amount of official phytosanitary information is available that can be used as the basis for ensuring safe trade, safeguarding food security and protecting the environment from plant pests.



# 2. ISPM 17



Pest reporting

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ISPM 17 Link: [https://www.ippc.int/static/media/files/publication/en/2017/06/ISPM\\_17\\_2002\\_En\\_2017-05-25\\_PostCPM12\\_InkAm.pdf](https://www.ippc.int/static/media/files/publication/en/2017/06/ISPM_17_2002_En_2017-05-25_PostCPM12_InkAm.pdf)



## 2. ISPM 17

**Adoption:** This standard was adopted by the Fourth Session of the Interim Commission on Phytosanitary Measures in March 2002.

**Scope:** This standard describes the responsibilities of and requirements for contracting parties in reporting the occurrence, outbreak and spread of pests in areas for which they are responsible. It also provides guidance on reporting successful eradication of pests and establishment of pest free areas.

**National Responsibilities:** NPPOs should make provision to ensure the collection, verification and analysis of domestic pest reports: Surveillance; Sources of information; Verification and analysis; Motivation for domestic reporting

**Reporting Obligations:** Reporting of immediate danger or potential danger.

**Other pest reports:** Reporting of changed status, absence or correction of earlier reports



### 3. General review of NROs



What are the public NROs



Any examples for these 7 Public Obligations?



## 3. General review of NROs



What are the Bilateral NROs

1. Description of organizational arrangements of plant protection

2. Rationale for phytosanitary requirements, restrictions and prohibitions

3. Reporting of non-compliance with phytosanitary certification

4. Reporting the result of investigation regarding significant instances of non-compliance with phytosanitary certification

5. Develop and maintain information on the pest status and make such information available

6. Providing the technical and biological information necessary for pest risk analysis.

Bilateral

Any examples for these 6 Bilateral Obligations?



# 3. General review of NROs



Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations



International Plant Protection Convention  
Protecting the world's plant resources from pests

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## The guide to National Reporting Obligations

For IPPC Contact Points and IPP editors

### National Reporting Obligations: Overview

In total there are 13 National Reporting Obligations:

- Designation of an Official IPPC Contact Point;
- Description of the NPPC;
- Phytosanitary requirements, restrictions and prohibitions;
- List of entry points;
- List of regulated pests;
- Pest reports;
- Organizational arrangements for plant protection;
- Rationale for phytosanitary requirements, restrictions and prohibitions;
- Significant instances of non-compliance with phytosanitary certification;
- The result of investigation regarding significant instances of non-compliance with phytosanitary certification;
- Information on the pest status;
- Emergency action;
- Technical and biological information necessary for pest risk analysis.

#### NROs by a method of reporting

As regards a method of their communication there are seven public NROs which should be reported via the International Phytosanitary Portal (IPP - <https://www.ippc.int>):

- Designation of an Official IPPC Contact Point;
- Description of the NPPC;
- Phytosanitary requirements, restrictions and prohibitions;
- List of entry points;
- List of regulated pests;
- Pest reports;
- Emergency action.

There are also six bilateral National Reporting Obligations which should be communicated directly between Contracting Parties:

- Organizational arrangements for plant protection;
- Rationale for phytosanitary requirements, restrictions and prohibitions;
- Significant instances of non-compliance with phytosanitary certification;
- The result of investigation regarding significant instances of non-compliance with phytosanitary certification;
- Information on the pest status;
- Technical and biological information necessary for pest risk analysis.

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➤ NRO Guide: <https://www.ippc.int/en/publications/80405/>

### 3. General and specific NRO rules and procedures

- Adopted by CPM-11 in 2016 for countries to follow
- Based on the Convention + recommendations & inputs of the National Reporting Obligations Advisory Group
- Include previous CPM decisions

#### To be found:

- ✓ [Appendix 9 to the Report from CPM-11](#)
- ✓ [NRO Guide \(Annex III\)](#)
- ✓ [As separate tables on IPP](#)



## 3. General and specific NRO rules and procedures

### ➤ **General:**

- ✓ Use of electronic media
- ✓ Use of the IPP
- ✓ Pest reporting through RPPOs
- ✓ Priority to NROs while posting info
- ✓ Non-contracting parties encouraged to use the IPP

### ➤ **Specific:**

- ✓ Details on each NRO including remarks, recommendations and guidance

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