



REPORT

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IPPC ePhyto Working Group 2: *Harmonization of ISPM 12 Code Lists*

Sub Group A: *Botanical Names and Pests Names*



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1. BACKGROUND

Further to the meeting of the IPPC Open-Ended Working Group on ePhyto Certification, which was held in Seoul, Korea from 7 to 10 June 2011, the Working Group on Harmonization of ISPM 12-Subgroup A on Botanical and Pests Names (WG2-SGA) worked via e-mail on the issues described below.

Possible lists of codes for scientific names of plants and pests to be used for ePhyto should fulfil certain criteria. The following criteria were formulated:

- The list should be as complete as possible (worldwide rather than regional coverage)
- The names in the list should have been verified
- The taxonomic system used in the list should be a common one
- Synonyms or old names should be included in the list
- Pathovars should be included in the list
- Preferably there should be a link in the list with common names
- The lists should be easily accessible
- The list should be easily maintained or missing names be added

Based on these criteria possible candidates were suggested by the members of the WG2-SGA, resulting in a short list of candidates. The members of the WG2-SGA then expressed their preferences and a candidate was selected based on the opinion of the members.

The possible candidates considered were: CABI list (pests and plant names), USDA list-United States Department of Agriculture (only plants, no pests), IPNI list - International Plant Names Index (only plants, no pests) EPPO list - European and Mediterranean Plant Protection Organization (pests and plant names).

From these candidates the EPPO list was highly preferred by the members of the WG2-SGA because this list fulfils all criteria, whereas most other lists did not match with one or often more than one criterion.

2. RECOMMENDATIONS FROM THE WG2-SGA

The WG2-SGA considers the EPPO list of plants and plant pests to be the most comprehensive list currently available, as it includes codes for each pest and plant name.

3. RATIONALE

The EPPO codes are easily accessible at <http://eppo.org/DATABASES/eppt/eppt.htm> and are free of charges. However, to receive an electronic version of all names and codes available, a subscription is needed. Subscribers can also propose additions to the list.

The EPPO list uses a common taxonomic system, containing synonyms, old names, pathovars and common names. The EPPO secretariat is willing to add names to the list upon request, in this way the list can be kept updated and complete.

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