



REPORT

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

Sub Group C: Coding of Additional Declarations



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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 C on Additional Declarations (WG2-SGC) worked via e-mail on the issues described below.

The WG2-SGC considered coding of additional declarations (ADs) very useful in ePhyto. It was discussed either to restrict this coding to the standard wordings in Appendix 2 of ISPM 12 2011. *Phytosanitary Certificates* or to extend it to all possible additional declarations used worldwide and keep a database of all of them. It was decided to restrict the work of this WG to the additional declarations of Appendix 2 of ISPM 12:2011 with the extension to any other additional declaration considered necessary. The rationale for this choice was that the number of ADs would then be restricted, basically covering the intention of most of the ADs used worldwide, and that the work of the WG would be achievable within the limited time available. Thereby, also the standardization of Appendix 2 of ISPM 12:2011 would be promoted. By using codes this approach is language independent and though there is little harmonisation in wording of ADs at the moment, this could be a field of development, along with the development of ePhyto.

Appendix 1 to this report was created to present codes for ADs. Starting from the ADs in Appendix 2 of ISPM 12:2011, all ADs were looked at and where the AD as given in this appendix actually has two or more different forms, the AD was subdivided. It was also realized that a number of ADs need additional codes or text, e.g. the pest the plants were tested for, or the inclusion of a buffer zone. These ADs and their subdivision were put in a table together with the codes to be used and the indication that an additional code or additional free text may be required. Moreover, a few other ADs were added to the table because it was realized that the list in Appendix 2 of ISPM 12:2011 was incomplete. It was also realized that it would not be possible to have ADs listed therefore this field in the electronic phytosanitary certificate always needs the possibility to use free text only. If more than one AD is needed for a consignment, one AD represented by its code can be linked to multiple pests or multiple ADs represented by their respective codes can be used.

2. RECOMMENDATIONS FROM THE WG2-SGC

The WG2-SGC considers for ePhyto it is very useful to code additional declarations. It is impossible to code all additional declarations, therefore always free text should be an option. The coding system proposed is available in the attached document. The codes represent standard wording of ADs but can be used irrespective of language and the intention of the AD is more important than the exact wording.

APPENDIX 1**Additional Declarations**

Reference Number in ISPM 12 Appendix 2	Sub-division	Text	Code AD	Additional Code	Free text (optional)
1.		The plants were inspected and found free	SAD 1	name organism	“soil” “practically free”
2.		The plants were tested and found free from....	SAD 2	name organism	testing method
3.		The growing media in which the plants were grown was tested prior to planting and found free from.....	SAD 3	name organism	
4.	1.is absent in	SAD 4.1	name organism, name country	name of area
4.	2.is not known to occur in.....	SAD 4.2	name organism, name country	name of area
5.	1.	The plants were produced in a pest-free area for....	SAD 5.1	name organism	“Including a surrounding buffer zone “
5.	2.	The plants were produced in an area of low pest prevalence for.....	SAD 5.2	name organism	
5.	3.	The plants were produced in a pest-free place of production for....	SAD 5.3	name organism	“Including a surrounding buffer zone “
5.	4.	The plants were produced in a pest free production site for....	SAD 5.4	name organism	“Including a surrounding buffer zone “
6.	1.	The place of production was inspected during the growing season and found free from.....	SAD 6.1	name organism	number of seasons, “Including a surrounding buffer zone”, frequency of inspection
6.	2.	The production site was inspected during the growing season and found free from.....	SAD 6.2	name organism	number of seasons, frequency of inspection
6.	3.	The field was inspected during the growing season and found free from.....	SAD 6.3	name organism	number of seasons, frequency of inspection
6.	4.	The field and a surrounding buffer zone was inspected during the growing season and found free from.....	SAD 6.4	name organism	number of seasons, frequency of inspection
7.	1.	The plants were inspected during the last growing season and found free from	SAD 7.1	name organism	number of seasons, frequency of inspection
7.	2.	The mother plants were inspected during the last growing season and found free from	SAD 7.2	name organism	number of seasons, frequency of inspection
8.		The plants were produced <i>in vitro</i> and found free from....	SAD 8	name organism	
9.		The plants were derived from mother plants that were tested and found free from....	SAD 9	name organism	

Reference Number in ISPM 12 Appendix 2	Sub-division	Text	Code AD	Additional Code	Free text (optional)
10.		The plants were produced and prepared for export in accordance with	SAD 10		name of programme
11.		The plants were produced from varieties resistant to	SAD 11	name organism	
12.		The plants for planting are in compliance withby phytosanitary import requirements for.....	SAD 12	name organism	tolerance level
13.		The plant were subjected to an appropriate treatment against....., this treatment being specified in the relevant box of the certificate	SAD 13	name organism	
14.		The plants were been produced under an official certification scheme in order to ensure absence of	SAD 14	name organism	
15.		The plant found infested byin the production site have been pulled out under official supervision	SAD 15	name organism	
16.		The plants comply with	SAD 16		Reference to legislation, position in the legislation and/or option in the legislation.

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