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Re: National Reporting Obligations (NROs)

Dear Official Contact Point of the IPPC Contracting Party,

The International Plant Protection Convention established several reporting obligations which are the responsibility of the contracting parties to the Convention. Official Contact Points designated by the contracting parties are responsible for the reporting connected with the implementation of the Convention and are in practice responsible for providing reports via the International Phytosanitary Portal – the IPP (<https://www.ippc.int/>).

As you may know, the IPPC National Reporting Obligations Advisory Group (NROAG) has been established and met at the beginning of July 2014. It was decided during that meeting that a more active role of the IPPC Secretariat should contribute to improving contracting parties' reporting performance. To this end, periodic reminders regarding NROs will be sent around to the Official Contact Points.

I take this opportunity to remind you that contracting parties should at least report on the following:

- a single Official Contact Point (Art. VIII 2 of the IPPC);
- a description of its official national plant protection organisation (Art. IV 4 of the IPPC);
- phytosanitary requirements, restrictions and prohibitions which are currently in force (Art. VII 2b of the IPPC);
- specific points of entry (if you require consignments of particular plants or plant products to be imported only through those specific points) (Art. VII 2d of the IPPC);
- lists of regulated pests, using scientific names, which are currently in force (Art. VII 2i of the IPPC);
- pest reporting, i.e. reporting regarding occurrence, outbreak and spread of pests (Art. VIII 1a of the IPPC);
- emergency actions (Art. VII 6 of the IPPC).

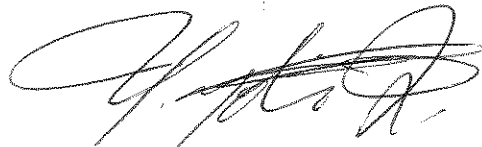
The CPM agreed that providing the above-mentioned reports *via* the IPP is a preferred method of official reporting. All Official Contact Points and their appointed editors have been given rights to upload reports on the IPP. 'User and Editor Guide to the International Phytosanitary Portal' has been prepared to assist you in reporting issues. The Guide is available in English and French and can be downloaded from the IPPC website: <https://www.ippc.int/publications/user-and-editor-guide-international-phytosanitary-portal>.

In case you experience problems with uploading the information, please do not hesitate to contact the IPPC Secretariat (David Nowell dave.nowell@fao.org; Dorota Buzon Dorota.Buzon@fao.org), but please first consult the Frequently Asked Questions page at <https://www.ippc.int/faq/>.

Taking into account the above, I would like to request you to meet the national reporting obligations as described in the Convention by either providing them for the first time on the IPP or updating them to reflect the present *status quo*. At the same time, I would like to remind you that once uploaded on the IPP the information should be kept updated regularly by the contracting party.

A further outcome of the NROAG meeting in July 2014 is the planned revision of the IPP to simplify data entry and usability of the website. Although, you are welcome to provide us with the feedback at any stage, the Secretariat will be collecting suggestions for improvements more systematically later in 2014.

Yours faithfully,



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Secretary

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