**Description of the National Plant Protection Organization of Swaziland**

The National Plant Protection Organization of Swaziland also referred to as the National Plant Health Inspectorate Service (NaPHIS) is a service under the Ministry of Agriculture. It is housed under the Specialist Services Division of the Department of Agricultural Research and Specialist Services with its main office and post entry quarantine facility at Malkerns Research Station.

NaPHIS is mandated to protect the national plant resources through the minimization of introduction and spread of plant pests and to facilitate trade in plants and plant products in accordance with the provisions of the relevant national legal instruments and the International Plant Protection Convention.

The function of the inspectorate includes among others inspection and certification of plants and plant products for export; inspection of imported products in order to minimize introduction of pests; carry out pest risk analysis and issue import permits; produce and regularly update Swaziland’s pest lists including that of regulated pests; communicate with trading partner and other stakeholders on phytosanitary matters; and represent the country in bilateral, regional and international plant health forums.

NaPHIS stakeholders include but not limited to producers, packers, treatment providers, transporters, processors, couriers, retailers, Government ministries and agents, academia, researchers.