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**IPPC Contact Points**  
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**SUBJECT: Implementation of Phyto for export and re-export issued in TRACES (IMSOC) in Croatia starting since 2 April 2024.**  
*– Information – delivering*

Dear IPPC Contact Points,

The Croatian Phytosanitary Inspection (State Inspectorate) as the Competent Authority (CA) would like to inform you about the beginning of the implementation of the Phyto Solution for issuing export and re-export certificates in TRACES (IMSOC) using electronic signature.

This will enable the Croatian CA to issue Phytosanitary certificates in the form of Phyto issued electronically in TRACES (IMSOC) system and electronically signed, carrying the TRACES reference number. Both phytosanitary certificates (Phyto) for export and re-export remain compliant with ISPM 12.

For the countries that can receive electronic phytosanitary certificates (Phyto) for export and re-export through TRACES, or in electronic exchange with the TRACES, via the IPPC ePhyto Hub, Phyto certificates would be exchanged electronically carrying the TRACES reference number, and electronically signed.

Additionally, for the countries that do not yet support electronic exchange of the documents, Phyto documents for export and re-export, issued electronically in TRACES (IMSOC) system, carrying the TRACES reference number, electronically issued and signed PDF version of the Phyto certificate would be printed from the TRACES system on a white A4 paper.

Only in the periods of unplanned or planned unavailability of the electronic signature in TRACES system, usual signing on the PDF version printed from the TRACES system could be carried out (official stamp and signature of the certifying inspector).

The watermark paper-based phytosanitary certificates carrying pre-printed serial numbers and usual signing will be issued until 1 April 2024.

Due to the fact that shipping time of consignments can be long, you might still receive pre-printed paper versions of the phytosanitary certificates for export and re-export after the 2 April 2024. However, these certificates should be issued before 2 April 2024.

Authenticity of the Phyto documents can be checked in the TRACES system directly by searching TRACES reference number or by scanning the QR code on the PDF version of the Phyto.

Attached to this letter you will find the specimens of the electronic phytosanitary certificates (Phyto) for export and re-export to be issued in the TRACES system by Croatia from 2 April 2024 onwards.

We kindly ask you to forward this information to all concerned officers in your Country.

Inquiries for further information regarding the new electronic Phyto certificates can be addressed to the Phytosanitary Inspection Service of the State Inspectorate of the Republic of Croatia via e-mail: [Phyto.HR.Int@dirh.hr](mailto:Phyto.HR.Int@dirh.hr).

Thank you for your kind cooperation.

Yours sincerely,

**Assistant Chief State Inspector**



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