State of Play

Transitioning from Paper-based to automated SPS systems

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• Fraud
• The Web
• Just in Time
• Brand Protection
• Risk Assessment
• Environment
Document Flow

Paper Certificate Process – 6 to 15 days

Export Authorities → Exporter → Agent → Freighter → Importer → Import Authorities

eCert Process – 1 Minute to 4 Hours

Export Authorities → eCert → Import Authorities

eCert Direct to Importing Country

Print at Regional Office
Why is it Important to transition to Electronic Systems

To ensure authenticity of product
Exchange information G2G
Use of information to manage import clearance
Support trade and industry
Remove Paper Certificates
Product Flow

- Export Authorities
- Producer
- Processor / Store
- Exporter
- Transport
- Arrival
- Import Authorities
- Importer
- Warehouse / Store

Business
- Codex
- IPPC
- OIE

Data
- UNCEFACT
- UN
- RECOMMENDATIONS
- ISO
SPS Chapter  
Article 7.12: Certification  
7. The Parties shall promote the implementation of electronic certification and other technologies to facilitate trade.

CODEX – Developing guidance material to support implementation of paperless systems for food safety

IPPC – Designing and developing the ePhyto Hub and Generic Software to support implementation of phytosanitary certificates

OIE – considering the development of model electronic certificates, to allow for easier development and exchange of eCert between multiple countries.
A good beginning makes a good ending