

International Plant Protection Convention (IPPC) Guides for Safe Trade

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Background

In the global context of an increasing population, industrialization, globalization, advanced transportation and outsourcing, international trade is on a strong upward trend. Agricultural products, including food for humans and animals, are sourced from many different areas and countries worldwide. Plant propagative material is also increasingly transported between countries to produce food, establish sustainable forests, and for recreational and ornamental purposes. With this intensified international trade in general and trade in plants and plant products in particular, there is an increased risk of the introduction and spread of plant pests. The challenge for national plant protection organizations (NPPOs) in any country is to facilitate international movement of goods and services while ensuring that national plant health is not placed at too high of a risk.

The IPPC has developed guides in order to provide NPPOs with internationally accepted technical resources to enhance the global capacity to implement the IPPC and International Standards for Phytosanitary Measures (ISPMs), thus helping to prevent the introduction and spread of plant pests involved in international trade. These resources include guides, eLearning materials and training kits for use in the management of a phytosanitary system covering core plant health areas such as import verification, export certification and pest surveillance, pest diagnostics, pest risk analysis (PRA) and market access among others.

The most part of the technical resources are developed under the STDF project STDF350, "Global Phytosanitary Manuals, Standard Operating Procedures and Training Kits Project". All developed resources are technically compatible with the IPPC, World Trade Organization (WTO) and in particular the Agreement on the Application of Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures (SPS Agreement). Resources are globally applicable and therefore adaptable to national-level needs.

Objective of the information session

The IPPC Secretariat will present its trade related guides on [Market access](#), [Transit](#), [Export certification](#) and [Import verification](#). The main features of the guides will be highlighted. In addition, information on other IPPC guides, as well as on the [Phytosanitary Resources page](#), a depository of phytosanitary technical resources, will be shared.

The Plant Quarantine and Phytosanitary Service of Zambia will present a success story on market access to South Africa and China. Technical trade negotiations not only lead to new market access for Zambian farmers, but also demonstrated that even with limited capacity of the NPPO of Zambia market access is possible.

Kenya's experience on enhancing compliance of its phytosanitary system with the IPPC requirements will be shared by the Kenya Plant Health Inspectorate (KEPHIS). An overview of the KEPHIS phytosanitary export certification and import regulatory system will be presented along with market access stories.