



EPPO/NEPPO Workshop on ‘Toward an harmonized implementation of International Standards for Phytosanitary Measures No. 7 ‘Phytosanitary Certification System’ and No. 12 ‘Phytosanitary Certificates’

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Conclusions and recommendations

1. The revised ISPM 7 & 12 are very complete and covering most of the relevant issues of phytosanitary export certification. New elements of the revised ISPM 7 & 12 (e.g. issue after dispatch, replacement certificate) have already been implemented by countries.
2. The discussions of the workshop on experiences of participants have shown that re-export and transit situations are diverse and complex and that some elements are described in ISPM 12 in a complicated way. The principles are all covered in the standard but it is recognized that not all practical cases can be described in an international standard.
3. Participants of the workshop therefore recommend that on the national level instructions are produced and made available to inspectors to help them in practical situations of issuance of PC. Furthermore a manual should be produced on regional or global level with concrete advise how to implement the principles described in the standard as guidance to NPPOs inspectors. If such guidance is developed on a regional or global level, a proper consultation amongst NPPOs is required to ensure broad applicability and acceptance.
4. The participants noted differences in practices in export and re-export situations in countries (e.g. distinguishing marks, country of origin, declared means of conveyance, facilitation of re-export, issuance of PC for export by countries other than those of origin, bilateral arrangements between countries of origin and countries of re-export for information exchange, e.g.

on growing season inspection). These were discussed and clarified according to the guidance of ISPM 12.

5. The workshop [the participants of the workshop] strongly encourages countries to fully implement ISPM 12 and its principles and to work together on an harmonized implementation.
6. Global guidelines should be developed to assist NPPOs in the setting up of electronic-certification systems in their countries. The participants requested EPPO and NEPPO to organize a workshop to increase the understanding of electronic certification.
7. The participants noted that ISPM 7 is clearly describing the elements of phytosanitary certification systems but these are not always fully applied by countries. Countries are encouraged to improve their systems (e.g. notifying an importing requirement, time of notification, and availability of PC models).