



PRA and Overall Assessment of Risk

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Outline

- Qualitative descriptions
 - Free text
 - Word scales
- Summarising aspects of risk assessment
- Combining risk factors (introduction and impact)
- Summarising the summary

Stages

- Stage 1: Initiation
- Stage 2: Pest Risk Assessment
 - Step 1: Pest Categorization
 - Step 2: Assessment of the Probability of Introduction
 - Step 3: Impacts
 - **Step 4: Overall Assessment of Risk**
 - Step 5: Uncertainty
- Stage 3: Pest Risk Management

Overall risk assessment

- Combines the likelihood of pest introduction (entry and establishment) with impact (spread and economic consequences) of those events

Overall risk assessment - free text

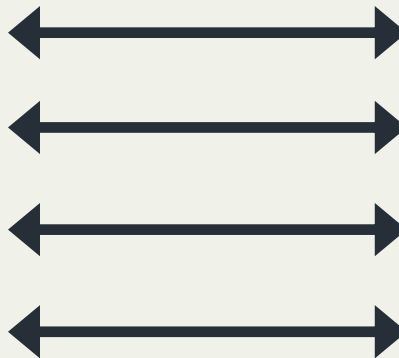
- “Although the pest can gain entry, establish and spread from neighbouring country economic consequences are likely to be very low”
- Improvement to text
- “Although the pest is very likely to gain entry, establish and spread from neighbouring country economic consequences are likely be very low”

Use of word scales

- Likelihood of event

- Very unlikely
- Unlikely
- Likely
- Very likely

Equivalence



- Scale of impact

- Negligible
- Low
- Medium
- High

Example for rating Introduction

- Negligible
 - The likelihood of introduction is extremely low on consideration of the following factors: the distribution of the pest at source, pre-export management practices, commodity volume, probability of pest survival in transit, probability of contact with susceptible hosts in the PRA area and suitability of climate for establishment
- Low
 - The likelihood of introduction is low, but possible, given the expected combination of factors necessary for introduction described before
- Medium
 - Pest introduction is likely given the combination of factors necessary for introduction described before
- High
 - Pest introduction is very likely, or certain, given the combination of factors necessary for introduction described before

Guide for rating introduction

- Negligible = Extremely low
- Low = Low
- Medium = Likely
- High = Very likely or certain

Example for rating introduction

- Negligible
 - The pest has no potential to enter and become established in the PRA area
- Low
 - The pest has potential to enter and become established in approximately one third or less of the range of the host(s) in the PRA area
- Medium
 - The pest has potential to enter and become established in approximately one third to two thirds of the range of the host(s) in the PRA area
- High
 - The pest has the potential to enter and become established throughout most or all of the range of hosts in PRA area

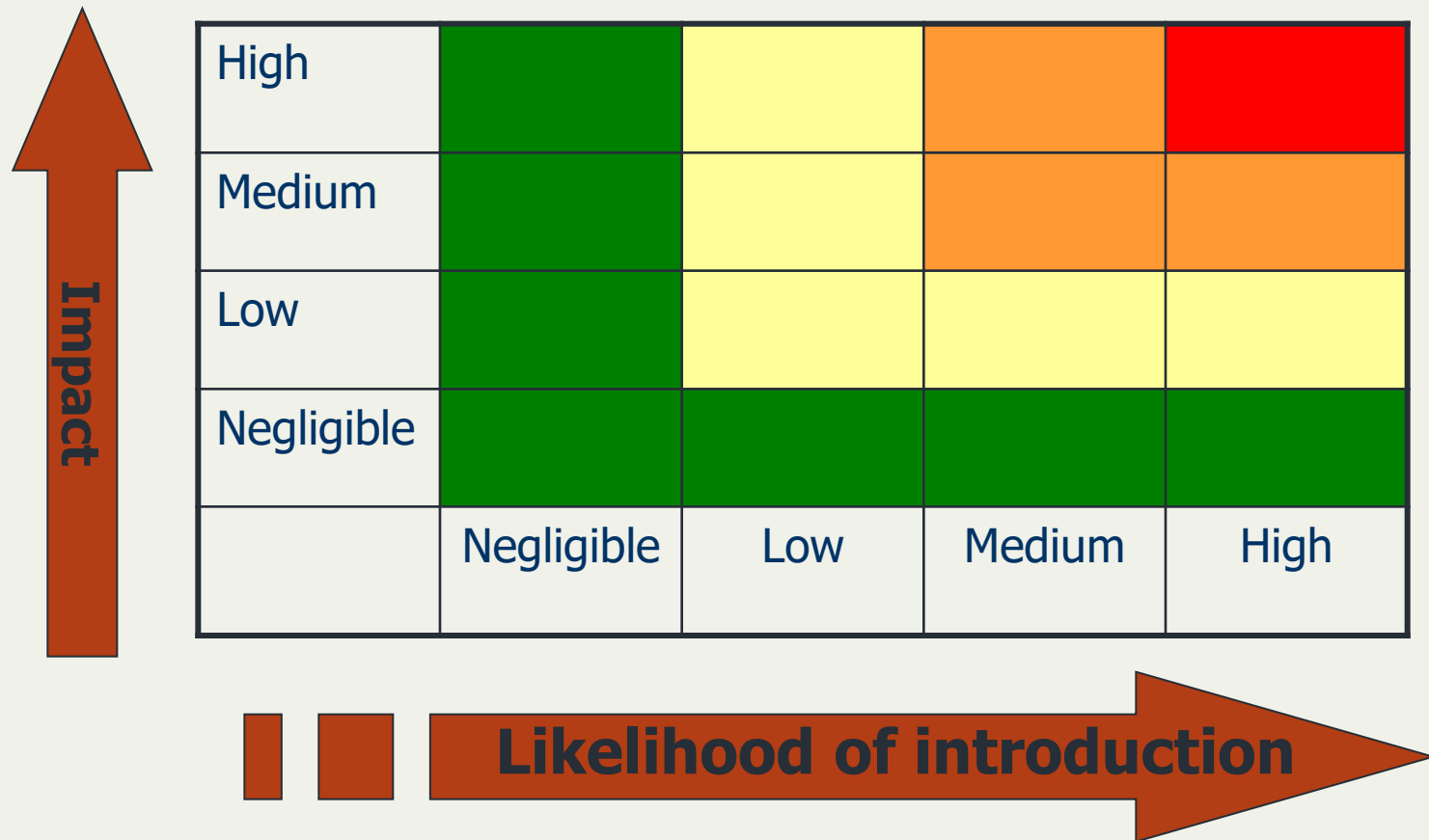
Guide for rating introduction

- Negligible = Very unlikely = No potential
- Low = Unlikely = 1/3 or less of host range
- Medium = Likely = 1/3 to 2/3 of host range
- High = Very likely = Most or all of host range

Rating impact

- Negligible
 - There is no impact on yield, host longevity, production costs or storage
- Low
 - The pest has a minor impact on the standing crop and little effect on the stored products
- Medium
 - The pest has a moderate impact on the standing crop but host mortality is rare; losses in storage may occur
- High
 - The pest has a severe impact on the standing crop with significant host mortality; losses in storage may be total

Risk matrix



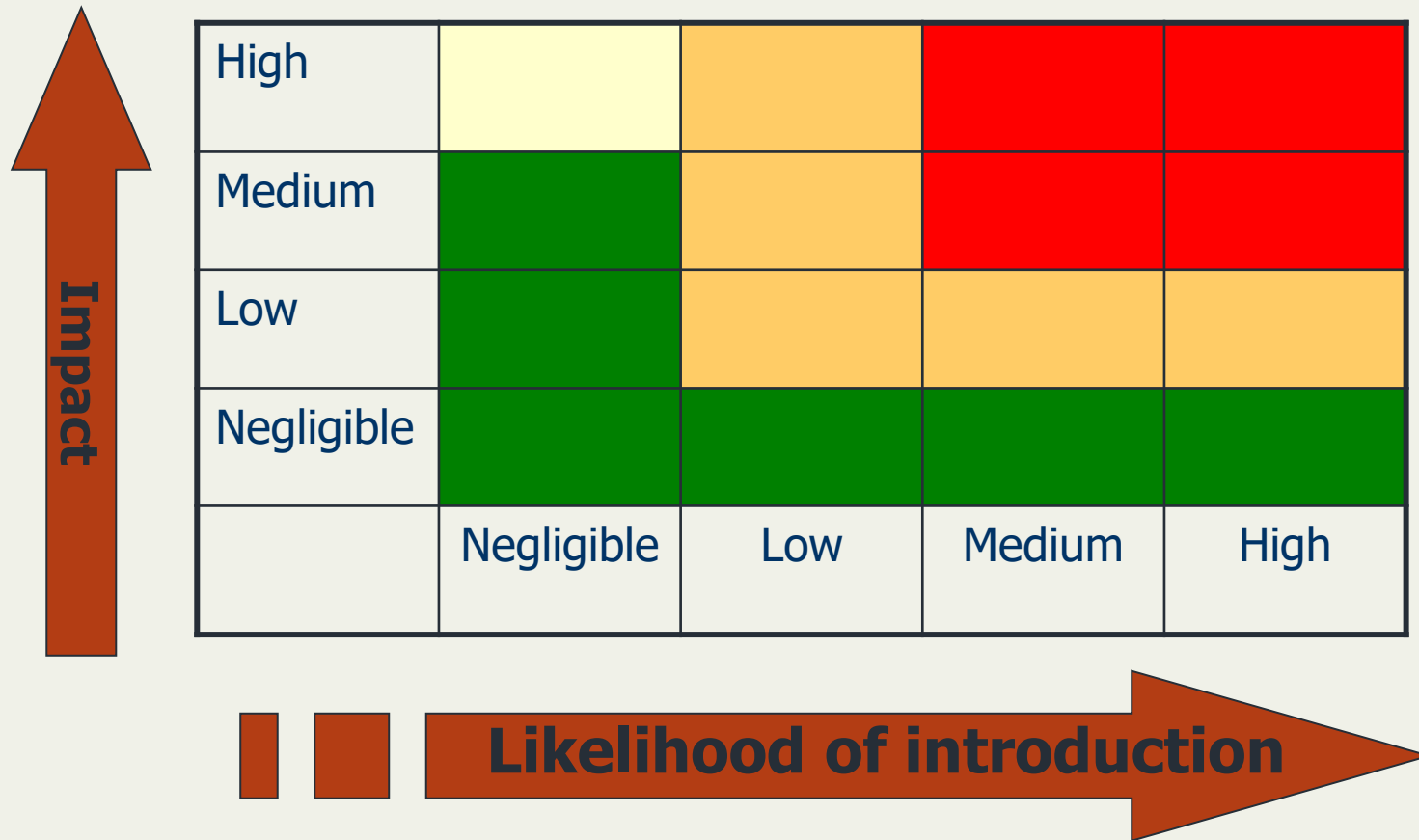
Adding qualitative uncertainty

Confidence	High Confidence	Medium Confidence	Low Confidence
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- **Scale of impact**

- Negligible impact - Low confidence
- Medium confidence
- High confidence

Risk matrix, with upper limits on uncertainty



Benchmarking a risk outcome

- Expressing risk
 - Reference to existing phytosanitary requirements
 - Indexed to estimated economic losses
 - Expressed on a scale of risk tolerance
 - Compared to the risk presented by the same pest at a different time
 - Compared with the level of risk accepted by other countries
 - Compared with the level of risk accepted for other pests

Summary

- Open to stakeholder review and scrutiny
- Concise and non-technical
- Identify:
 - Point of initiation
 - Pathways
 - Spread and endangered area
 - Impact if the pest gains entry, establishes and spreads to the extent predicted and no measures are taken

Any questions!

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