The IPPC ePhyto solution and its benefits

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What is the ePhyto system?

• “ePhyto” is short for electronic phytosanitary certificate.

• It is a digital equivalent of a phytosanitary certificate that allows governments to confirm shipments of plants and plant products are free from pests and disease.

• ePhytos are exchanged through a centralised Hub.
Benefits of the ePhyto system

ePhytos have a harmonized and standardized format, structure, and codes

• Improvements in security
• Reduction in trade costs
• Creates significant time efficiencies during border processing
• Global coverage with one system
• Supports developing countries to engage in efficient trade with other countries
• Supports countries to meet international obligations related to trade (ISPM 12 (Annex 1) & Articles 7.9 and 10.1 of the Trade Facilitation Agreement of the WTO).
Implementation of the ePhyto system

• Currently, 105 countries are registered and 62 countries are using ePhytos as business as usual.

• Case studies report:
  - Average of 4 days of time saved
  - Low-cost to set up
  - Reduced labor costs for exporters
  - No need for special security paper
  - Effective use of resources at border stations
  - Total reduction in fraudulent certificates
  - Access costs for developing countries covered
  - Facilitates the collection of reliable trade statistics
Thank you

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