



NROs UPDATE

National Reporting Obligations

*Protecting the world's plant
resources from pests*



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The Year of “the Organization of the NPPO”

April 2015 / March 2016

In July 2014, during the first meeting of the National Reporting Obligations Advisory Group (NROAG), it was agreed that every year would be dedicated to a different national reporting obligation.

The period up to CPM-10 in 2015 became the NRO “Year of the IPPC Official Contact Point” focusing on OCP awareness raising and increasing the activity of OCPs in general.

In March 2015 during the Commission on Phytosanitary Measures CPM-10 it was announced that the period leading up to CPM-11 would become the NRO “Year of the “Organization of the NPPO”. This period would last from April 2015 until March 2016. The “Year” will focus on different aspects of the functioning of National Plant Protection Organization, mainly its descriptive aspects.

You will be hearing more from the IPPC Secretariat over the next few months and we will systematically be posting additional OCP-related information on the IPP.

Did you know?

In February 2015 a new version of the IPP website was launched. The IPPC Secretariat has been working now to make the IPP website available in all FAO languages.

The IPPC Secretariat has prepared a new [User and Editor Guide to the IPP](#) which is now available in English, French, Spanish, Russian and Arabic. The updated versions of the other modules of [the 2013 Guide](#) will follow soon.



National Reporting Obligations

connected with the organization of NPPO

Article IV (*General provisions relating to the organizational arrangements for national plant protection*) of the International Plant Protection Convention says in the point 4:

“4. Each contracting party shall submit a description of its official national plant protection organization and of changes in such organization to the Secretary. A contracting party shall provide a description of its organizational arrangements for plant protection to another contracting party, upon request.”

In fact there are 2 different information exchange obligations for Contracting Parties in this paragraph:

- 1) to submit a description of its official national plant protection organization (NPPO) and of changes in such organization to the Secretary, and;
- 2) to provide a description of its organizational arrangements for plant protection upon request.

The first reporting obligation is public and should be made available by Contracting Parties at the IPP website as the preferred IPPC information exchange mechanism. The report should consist of a description of the NPPO (i.e. its general structure) and should be updated regularly whenever changes occur. Usually it has the form of an organogram. This information needs to clearly identify the NPPO, the head of the NPPO and should also identify units or organizations that act under the authority of the NPPO as provided in Article IV.2 (a-g) (e.g. the issuance of phytosanitary certificates, surveillance, inspection of imported consignments, conduct of pest risk analyses).

The second component of paragraph 4 is bilateral and should be provided to another Contracting Party on request in bilateral communication; however public posting on the IPP website is encouraged as contracting parties note that it complements the information provided on the structure of the NPPO. This report should contain a description of the functions and responsibilities of NPPO (i.e. who is responsible for which area what are the connections between different parts of the NPPO). Its main aim is to allow for the understanding of the operation of the NPPO.

The Year of “the Organization of the NPPO”

This series of newsletters Vol. 2 (01 – 12) will be published from April 2015 to March 2016 and will focus on the objectives and functioning of NPPOs. Please make sure you read them all.

Check your national information on the description of the NPPO on the IPP

Please consult the International Phytosanitary Portal (IPP): go to your [country home page](#) and check the folder “Description of the NPPO” under National Reporting Obligations:

The screenshot shows the IPPC Official Contact Point profile page. At the top, there is a header with 'Country' and a flag icon. Below this is the 'IPPC Official Contact Point' section, which contains a form for updating the profile. The form has a blue 'Update your profile' button and several input fields: 'Name of Contact Point', 'address', 'Phone:', 'Email:', and 'Nomination received:'. Below the form is a section titled 'National Reporting Obligations' with a red box and arrow pointing to the 'Description of the NPPO' link. Other links include 'Legislation: Phytosanitary Requirements/Restrictions/Prohibitions', 'Entry Points', 'List of Regulated Pests', 'Official Pest Reports', 'Organizational Arrangements of Plant Protection', 'Rationale for Phytosanitary Requirements', 'Non-compliance', 'Pest status', and 'Emergency Actions'.

- ✓ Is the information there? If not, please prepare and upload it.
- ✓ Does the present description or organogram reflect the current situation?
- ✓ If links to your national website/s were posted – do they still work? If not, please update the links.
- ✓ Are there duplicates of this information that need removing? Contact the Secretariat (ippc@fao.org) if this is the case.

If the information is not correct or is not there:

- ✓ You can edit or post the report if you are an Official Contact Point or a country’s IPP editor after logging in to the IPP website;
- ✓ The User and Editor Guide to the IPP will help you with data update. At the moment the Guide consists of the Module IV A (Accessing your account & Data entry and Data Management) **intended for the IPPC Contact Points and IPP editors** and Module IV B (Accessing your account & Data) intended for other IPP users is available here.
- ✓ If you believe you need to be an IPP editor get your Official Contact Point to complete an editor form and send it to the Secretariat to act on their behalf,
- ✓ For any other problems, please inform the Secretariat (ippc@fao.org).

Changes among the OCPs in March 2015

In March 2015, the following contracting parties and partners nominated new OCPs:

- Central African Republic
- Haiti
- Comunidad Andina



Think before your travel –
understand the consequences of
your actions.

How often do we travel and buy wooden curios, flowers or agricultural products to take home to your friends and family? THINK before you do this – you could be taking pests back to your country that could cause a very significant negative economic, food security or environmental impact.

Prevention is better than cure

Be responsible for your actions!

The acronym finder:

CP	IPPC Contracting Party
CPM	Commission on Phytosanitary Measures
FAO	Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations
IPP	International Phytosanitary Portal (www.ippc.int)
IPPC	International Plant Protection Convention
NPPO	National plant protection organization
NROs	National Reporting Obligations
NROAG	National Reporting Obligations Advisory Group
OCP	Official Contact Point of a Contracting Party to the Convention
RPPO	Regional plant protection organization



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