

Supplement 1 of ISPM 5

Guidelines on the interpretation and application of the concepts of official control in relation to regulated pests and not widely distributed in relation to quarantine pests that are present in an area

IPPC Member Consultation

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Background

- Call for Topics: *Guidelines for the interpretation and application of the phrase not widely distributed in relation to quarantine pests*
- Added to the *List of Topics for IPPC Standards: ICPM-7 (2005)*
- Specification 33: *May 2006*
- Drafted by EWG: *November 2006*
- SC-7 reviewed: *May 2008*
- Sent to TPG: *November 2008*
- SC approved for Member Consultation: *May 2011*



General Considerations

- The status of NWD is a key criteria in the definition of a quarantine pest that may trigger phytosanitary restrictions
- No guidance for this term is found in IPPC documents
- This situation may lead to different interpretations and applications which could affect international trade

Drafting Issues

- EWG considered NWD concept not a pest status but to mean that the pest has not spread fully throughout the endangered area
- EWG underlined a pest NWD does not trigger an automatic Official Control response but cost and benefits factors should be considered also

Drafting Issues

- EWG clarified that NWD has to do with spatial distribution and not with time factor (transience and trends), prevalence or intensity
- SC-7 decided NWD concept is closely related to the Official Control (OC) concept in ISPM 5, Supplement 1. Draft was sent to the TPG to integrate these two concepts under the same document without changing any part of the OC

Drafting Issues

- TPG decided not to include a definition for NWD on this draft since this concept is covered throughout the Supplement
- The size of the NWD area was not considered to be the most important factor. A quarantine pest limited to any size area and of potential economic importance may trigger official control

Drafting Issues

- The concept of NWD strictly related to the definition of a quarantine pest and not independent from the other two concepts in the definition, i.e. official control and potential economic importance