

# The International Plant Protection ePhyto update

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# About ePhyto

- **ePhyto is not mandatory, it is an option for issuing phytosanitary certificates**
- **International Standardization –ensures consistent data interpretation and conformance**
- **Fraud prevention – reduces the likelihood of fraudulent certificates and illegal entry of commodities**



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Bilateral agreements – In a country to country scenario, each country would need a separate agreement with each trading partner outlining the terms of the exchange

## Versus

Standardized information structure – Countries exchange using a single internationally recognized messaging structure, such as ISPM 12. The standard ensures all messaging from partners have the same structure.

# Recent Updates

- **Appendix to ISPM 12 under review for adoption by CPM-9 (2014)**
- **Comment period closes in October 2013**
- **New Steering Group formed with regional and Bureau representation**
- **Hub feasibility study projected to be completed by October 2013**



# Thank you

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