# CPM-12 (2017) special topic session on e-commerce INTRODUCTION



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# Background: e-commerce and plants and plant products

- Growing volume and sale of plant/plant products through internet (e-commerce)
- Online traders of plant/plant products not taking into account customer location
- Plants and plant products sold very often bypass the application of phytosanitary measures or scrutiny through Pest Risk Analysis
- Few NPPOs factor this pathway into their risk analyses





## Background: e-commerce and the IPPC

- 2010 Topic of e-commerce of plants introduced to IPPC during discussions at the 22<sup>nd</sup> Technical Consultation of Regional Plant Protection Organizations.
- 2012 IPPC Implementation Review and Support System (IRSS) Project conducts study on "Internet Trade (e-Commerce) in Plants: Potential Phytosanitary Risks", making several recommendations.
- CPM-07 (2012) IPPC Secretariat presents Internet Trade study, opens discussion to NPPOs during Internet Trade in plants side session.





# Background/2: e-commerce and the IPPC

- CPM-07 (2014) IPPC Secretariat recommendations introduced and adopted by Commission on Phytosanitary Measures (CPM-09). The recommendation on e-commerce includes "plants for planting, other articles such as plants for consumption, soils, growing media, and living organisms in a wide range of taxa that are known or have the potential to be plant pests and are sold to and exchanged by hobbyists, collectors, researchers, etc.".
- June 2016 CPM Bureau recommends special topic event for CPM-12 drawing upon recommendation on e-commerce.





# **E-commerce special topic session objectives**

- Raise awareness on the phytosanitary risks associated with ecommerce
- Make known existing experiences to:

develop mechanisms for collaborating with e-commerce traders to reduce phytosanitary risks

Promote compliance by customers and traders operating through e-commerce

Strengthen coordination with postal and express courier services

➢investigate phytosanitary risks posed by all forms of distance selling

→ Facilitate the implementation of the CPM-9 recommendation





### **SPECIAL TOPICS SESSION: PROGRAMME**

#### International organizations

**1. Activities and role of the World Trade Organization with regard to ecommerce and trade in plants,** Marième Fall, Counsellor in the Agriculture and Commodities Division

2. World Customs Organization (WCO): Towards an inclusive risk-based approach in the cross-border e-commerce environment, Michèle Medina, Technical Officer and Programme Manager

**3. Convention on Biological Diversity: Increasing risk of biological invasion posed by trade in wildlife via e-commerce and associated materials,** Junko Shimura, Programme Officer (Invasive Alien Species, Global Taxonomy Initiative)





## **SPECIAL TOPICS SESSION: PROGRAMME**

#### **Private sector: carriers and e-traders**

**4. Express Delivery Carriers' role in the cross-border transport of plants and seeds,** *Carlos Grau Tanner, Director General Global Express* 

**5. eBay's Plants and Seeds Policy and Enforcement,** *Mike Carson, eBay Regulatory Policy Group* 

#### **National Plant Protection Organizations**

**6. Managing pre-border biosecurity risk (e-commerce) in Australia,** *Kim Ritman, Australia's Chief Plant Protection Officer* 

**7.** Phytosanitary measures for international postal and courier service in Republic of Korea, *Ms Hong-Sook Park, Korean Animal and Plant Quarantine Agency* 





## **SPECIAL TOPICS SESSION: PROGRAMME**

#### **Discussion**

Questions from the floor, 10 min

Panel and plenary discussion on the way forward to implement the IPPC recommendation on e-commerce, 20 min

- Enhance collaboration among international organizations
- Further collaboration at the national level
- Identify and report risks to e-traders
- What express delivery companies (DHL, Fedex, UPS, TNT) can do
- Raise awareness of suppliers, transporters and other organizations and the general public

Decisions and conclusions of the CPM on a way forward, 10 min







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