



**NATIONAL REPORTING OBLIGATION**

# Provide a description of **organizational arrangements** for plant protection

**References in the IPPC:** Article IV.4:

A contracting party shall provide a description of its organizational arrangements for plant protection to another contracting party, upon request.

**Type:** On request<sup>1</sup>

**Method:** Bilateral communication only but public posting on the IPP is encouraged<sup>2</sup>

**Responsible entity:** Contracting party

**Receiving entity:** Other contracting parties upon request

**Languages** (Article XIX of the IPPC): Art. XIX.3(a) sets forth that information provided according to Article IV paragraph 4 shall be in at least one of the official languages of FAO.

**Reason:**

- ◆ CPs may obtain clarifications as to the operation of the NPPO.

**CPM adopted procedures:**

- ◆ This obligation is considered to be transmitted as a bilateral obligation.
- ◆ This requirement does not relate to the general structure of an NPPO (mentioned in the first sentence of Art. IV.4), but to organizational arrangements described in Article IV.2 & 3.
- ◆ The report should contain a description of functions and responsibilities in relation to plant protection. It can be combined in one report with a NRO regarding a description of a NPPO and made public on the IPP as a single report.

1/ Type:  
Basic = an obligation regardless of circumstances  
Event-driven = triggered by a specific event  
On request = triggered by a request

2/ Method:  
Public = reported via the International Phytosanitary Portal ([www.ippc.int](http://www.ippc.int))  
Bilateral = reported in direct communication between countries



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