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Dear IPPC Official Contact Point,

Re: Meeting National Reporting Obligations (NROs): Phytosanitary legislation

As you will recall, the New Revised Text of the International Plant Protection Convention (1997) established several reporting obligations (NROs) which are the legal responsibility of all contracting parties to the Convention. The Official Contact Points (OCPs) designated by the contracting parties are central to meeting these NROs. OCPs are responsible for official communications under the Convention, and are in practice responsible for providing reports via the International Phytosanitary Portal – the IPP (www.ippc.int), as agreed by the Commission on Phytosanitary Measures (CPM).

In July 2014, during the first meeting of the National Reporting Obligations Advisory Group, it was agreed that each year would be dedicated to a different national reporting obligation. As announced during CPM-12 the period starting in April 2017 and leading up to CPM-13 becomes the “*NRO Year of Phytosanitary legislation*”.

Given this context, the IPPC Secretariat would like to take this opportunity to remind you that contracting parties should *immediately upon their adoption, publish and transmit phytosanitary requirements, restrictions and prohibitions to any contracting party or parties that they believe may be directly affected by such measures* (Article VII.2(b) of the IPPC).

To facilitate reporting process, the CPM has agreed that meeting NROs *via* the IPP is the preferred method of official reporting under the IPPC. All OCPs, and their appointed IPP editors, have been given access to upload reports on the IPP. The NRO Guide was prepared by the IPPC Secretariat to assist you in reporting and is available in English, French, Russian and Spanish, [and can be found in the NRO folder on the IPP](#). At the same time, the IPPC Secretariat would like to remind you that once any report has been uploaded on the IPP, the information should be updated regularly in a timely manner by the contracting party.

Taking into account the above, the IPPC Secretariat would like to invite you to visit your country’s page on the IPP and review information present there. You are welcome to upload new report/s and update report/s already present there under NRO: Legislation: Phytosanitary Requirements/Restrictions/Prohibitions.

Furthermore, be informed that forthcoming issues of the NRO educational newsletter "NROs UPDATE" will focus on issues connected with this NRO. The newsletter [will be made available to contracting parties on the IPP](#) and distributed by the IPPC Secretariat via email.

We would greatly appreciate your cooperation on updating or meeting this NRO through regular and timely reporting. We will be monitoring progress closely while [all reports on Phytosanitary legislation could be seen on the IPP](#).

In case you experience problems or have queries, please do not hesitate to contact the IPPC Secretariat (Dorota Buzon: dorota.buzon@fao.org).

Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Jingyuan Xia". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Jingyuan Xia
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