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GHANA'S EXPERIENCE IN PREPARING FOR THE ePHYTO SYSTEM

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INTRODUCTION


- The National Plant Protection Organizations (NPPOs) are empowered by the IPPC to ensure that insect pest and diseases do not cross boundaries through the import and export of plants, plant products and other regulated articles thereby promoting world trade.
- In accordance with ISPMs 7 & 12, Phytosanitary Certificates are issued to indicate that consignments of plant, plant products and other regulated articles meet specified import requirements.
- The widely used current model of phytosanitary transmission in International Trade is the paper Phytosanitary certificate that accompanies commodity shipments.



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SAMPLE OF PAPER PHYTO CERTIFICATE (GHANA)




REPUBLIC OF GHANA

Original

MINISTRY OF FOOD AND AGRICULTURE
PLANT PROTECTION & REGULATORY SERVICES DIRECTORATE
(PLANT EXPORTATION REGULATIONS)

 **PHYTOSANITARY CERTIFICATE** **PC No: 0000000**

TO: Plant Protection Organisation(s) of.....

I. Description of Consignment

Name and address of Exporter:.....

Declared name and address of Consignee.....

Number and description of packages.....

Distinguishing marks.....

Place of origin.....

Declared means of conveyance.....

Declared point of entry.....

Name of produce and quantity declared.....

Botanical name of plants.....

This is to certify that the plants, plant products or other regulated articles described herein have been inspected and/or tested according to appropriate official procedures and are considered to be free from the quarantine pests specified by the importing contracting party and to conform with the current phytosanitary requirements of the importing contracting party, including those for regulated non-quarantine pests.

They are deemed to be practically free from other pests.

II. Additional Declaration

III. Disinfestation and/or Disinfection Treatment

Date..... Treatment..... Chemical (active ingredient).....

Duration and temperature.....

Concentration.....

Additional information.....

(Stamp of Organisation) Place of issue.....

Name of authorized officer.....

Date..... (Signature)

No financial liability with respect to this certificate shall attach to PPRSD or to any of its officers or representatives*
*Optional clause



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Key Components of the Phytosanitary Certificate:

Name of issuing NPPO

Number of the certificate

Name of Plant Protection Organization (importing country)

1. Description of consignment
 - Name and address of exporter/importer,
 - Name of produce and quantity declared,
 - Number and description of packages,
 - Distinguishing marks etc.)
 - Means of conveyance (Either by sea, air or road)
 - Point of entry
 - Botanical name of the plant
2. Additional declaration
3. Disinfestation and/or Disinfection Treatment



INTRODUCTION



- The next step in this evolution is the secure electronic transmission of certification data directly between the Exporting and Importing National Plant Protection Organizations (NPPOs')
- An ePhyto certificate is an electronic phytosanitary certificate which is the electronic equivalent of the wording and data of phytosanitary certificates in paper form, transmitted by authenticated and secure electronic means from the NPPO of the exporting country to the NPPO of the importing country



GHANA'S PREPAREDNESS TOWARDS THE ePHYTO



Additional measures put in place as part of Ghana's effort to pilot the ePhyto system include:

- **Office Space:** Office spaces and port carbiners have been designated at the head office and the major exit/entry point.
- **Electronic Equipment:** Ghana has made available Tablets, laptops, desktops and printers for field and office work.



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GHANA'S PREPAREDNESS TOWARDS THE ePHYTO



- **Internet Connectivity:** The directorate has Internet connectivity at the main entry points and the head office. We are working towards providing internet access at all the exit/entry point across the country.
- **Staff Training:** The directorate has been trained on GeNS, the Hub, infrastructure readiness and cost benefit analysis of implementing ePhyto pilot.



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GHANA'S PREPAREDNESS TOWARDS THE ePHYTO



- Stakeholders Sensitization: The directorate has carried out sensitization for some major stakeholders - exporters, importer, ISPM No. 15 wood packaging operators.
- The training/awareness creation shall continue and be extended to more stakeholders (Exporters, Importers, Customs Officials, Immigration, Port handlers, etc.) in preparation for piloting the ePhyto system



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SETTING UP THE EPHYTO SYSTEM



The NPPO Ghana is supported by government legislation that permits Ghana to take onboard the ePhyto system.

These legislations are:

- The Plants and Fertilizer Act, 2010 (Act 803) and the
- Plant Protection Regulations, 2012 (L.I 2193)



SETTING UP THE EPHYTO SYSTEM



A team of Consultants from the IPPC helped Ghana to conduct assessment on Business Operations (Business Process Analysis), Train NPPO staff and its Stakeholders on the Generic ePhyto National System (GeNS) and the Hub.

In collaboration with Ghana Community Network Services Limited (GCNet), works have begun on the automation of PPRSD permit processes (application, issuance and payment system)



CHALLENGES OF THE ePHYTO SYSTEM PREPARATION



- Limited internet access at most entry/exit points (Land Borders)
- Inadequate financial resources to carry out enough capacity building for staff and awareness creation for major our stakeholders.



EXPECTATIONS OF ePHYTO SYSTEM FOR GHANA INTERNATIONAL TRADE



- Reduce possibilities for fraudulent documentation
- Reduce data entry and validation functions by NPPO staff
- Improve security in transmission of certificate documentation
- Improve planning for the arrival and clearance of plants and plant products at customs



EXPECTATIONS OF ePHYTO SYSTEM FOR GHANA INTERNATIONAL TRADE



- Reduce delays in receiving replacement Phytosanitary certificates
- Reduce ongoing and costly bilateral arrangements
- Ability to link into the World Customs Organization “One Window” initiative and harmonize codes and processes



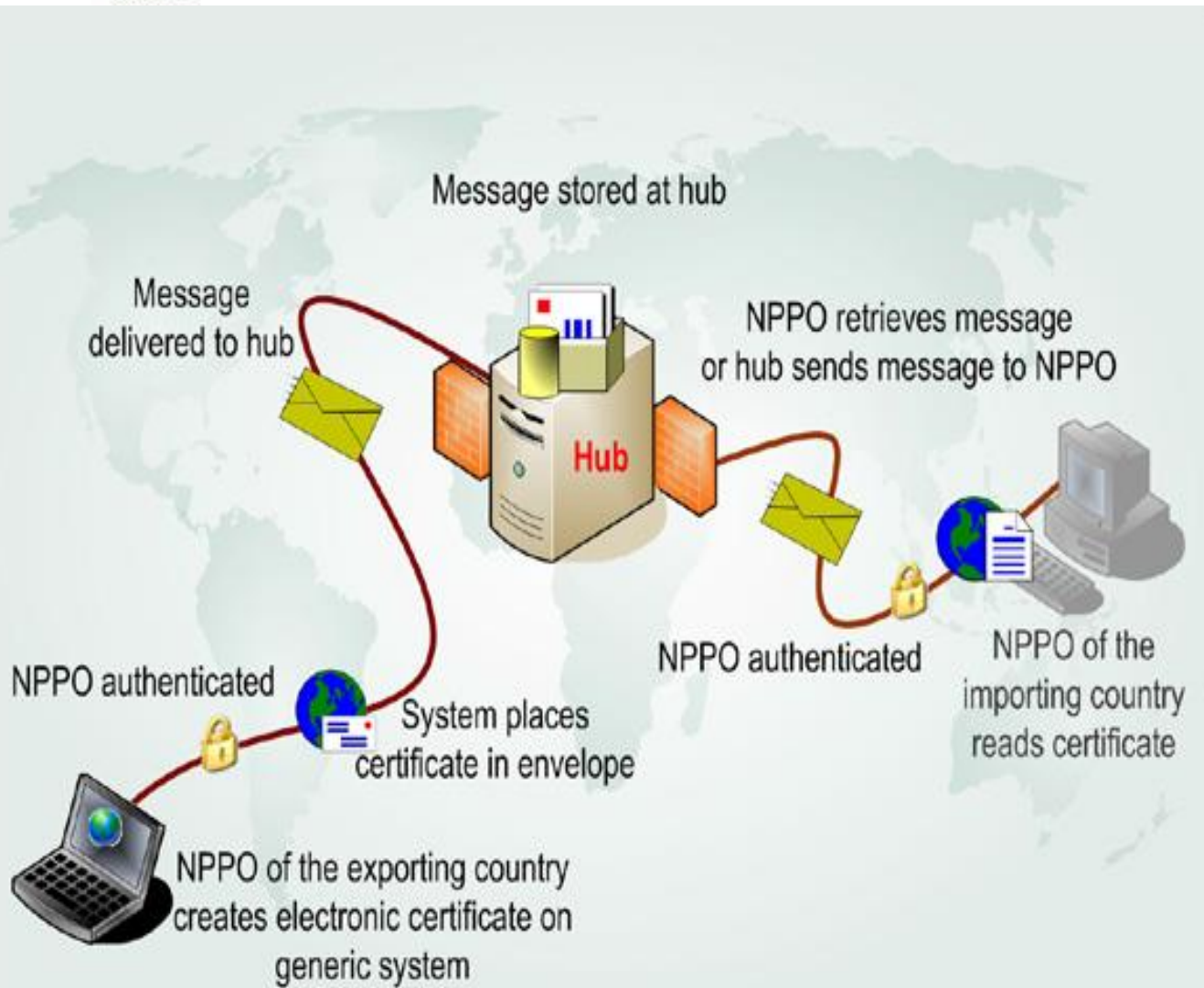
CONCLUSION



- Implementation of the electronic phytosanitary certification (ePhyto) will go a long way to provide numerous benefits and improve the export certification system tremendously.
- Ghana is fully prepared to go through the changes and finally implement the ePhyto System.



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