

## IPPC EPHYTO SOLUTION

# NEWSLETTER



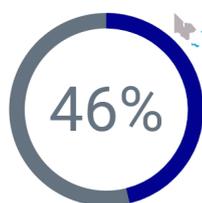
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## IPPC ePhyto Hub Global Use

Based on September 2018 Progress Report

- Country Registered to the Hub
- Country registered and in production through the Hub

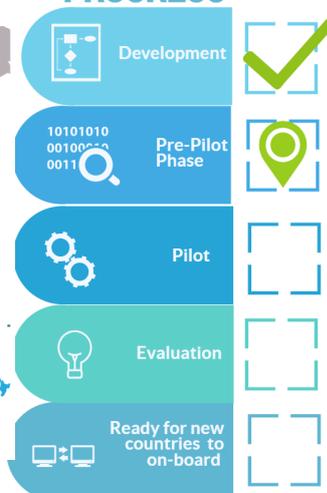


Since the opening of the Hub in June of 2018 more than 10 countries have joined. Throughout 2019 we expect participation to continue to increase. Even at this early stage, all countries currently registered to the ePhyto Hub represent an estimated value of 46%\* of the world's trade in plants and plant products.

\*Estimates based on UN COMTRADE database (2016)



### GENS PROGRESS



## IPPC ePhyto Regional Workshop- Buenos Aires, Argentina

From 11 to 13 September 2018 the Regional Workshop on ePhyto was held in Buenos Aires, Argentina. Participants included 18 Latin American countries represented by 78 delegates, as well as experts from Australia and the United States of America and representatives from the industry.

The main objective of the Workshop was to harmonize and increase the knowledge in the region on ePhyto in order to accelerate and extend the implementation of electronic certification by Latin American countries.



Group photo of all workshop participants

ePhyto conceptual aspects were discussed, including the financial and business model, the Hub and the Generic ePhyto National System (GeNS). In addition, the debate on connection, alternatives and good practices for the Hub, as well as legal aspects, financing of the system and possible cooperation projects were encouraged in roundtables.

The Workshop informed us on the substantive development and interest of the participants in moving forward with ePhyto in their countries. Many of them plan to connect to the Hub during 2019 and some countries mentioned their interest in the use of GeNS.

*Mr. Ezequiel Ferro, International Phytosanitary Affairs - DNPV/SENASA*



ARGENTINA 2018

BUILDING CONSENSUS FOR FAIR  
AND SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT

Thanks to the incredible efforts of SENASA, the IPPC's work to build an electronic certification system (ePhyto) was endorsed by the G-20 Meeting of Agriculture Ministers held in Buenos Aires, Argentina from the 27-28 July 2018.

As paragraph 25 of the declaration states *"We also welcome and support the International Plant Protection Convention (IPPC) decision on developing a globally harmonized Electronic Phytosanitary Certification Basis (ePhyto) as a concrete and efficient way of facilitating international trade"*.

[Click here to read the full G20 declaration](#)  
[Go ePhyto!](#)

### Industry Advisory Group and ePhyto

The international grain trade is engaged in the digitization of trade documentation and paperless trade for the grains, oilseeds and agribulks sector. Working internally and with partners, opportunities are being addressed to innovate in the range of documents necessary for grain exchange including bills of lading, certificates of origin, quality certificates and barge documents.

Progress on the ePhyto Solution is crucial for our sector and it was an honor for the International Grain Trade Coalition (IGTC) to be elected Chair of the Industry Advisory Group (IAG) in July 2018. We participate actively in the IAG, cooperating with more than 8 global trade flows including seeds, cotton, wood products, horticulture, hay, and cacao. Together, we are seizing the chance to provide expertise and guidance on the interoperability of the ePhyto Solution with commercial realities, including the identification of shipments for "case studies of the impacts of implementing ePhyto on trade flows".

*Alejandra Danielson Castillo, Industry Advisory Group Chair*

### Environmental Protection and ePhyto

On the 10th of October 2018, the IPPC held a seminar on plant health, climate change, and environmental protection. Environmental policy has always captured significant attention, however following the recent release of the International Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) fifth assessment report the topic climbed again to the top of our agendas.

It was clear from the seminar that the changes in temperature and precipitation patterns will have a significant impact on the spread of pests into new areas, with potentially devastating effects on food security, the environment, and trade.

So you begin to think, what can ePhyto do for the environment? Sure, it will minimize the paper trail as countries stop printing certificates, but it may take a few years before we go fully paperless. ePhyto, however, will play a central role in preventing the threat of distribution of pest and diseases by providing more effective phytosanitary control. Through the use of the ePhyto Solution, countries will be able to regulate trade more easily and prevent the exchange of fraudulent certificates. By minimizing the spread of pests, we will be able to control their impact on food security, the environment, and trade.

### Coming Soon



ePhyto Wikipedia, LinkedIn and Twitter accounts are being designed to keep our interest parties in the loop of all ePhyto developments and events.

To learn more about the ePhyto Solution [click here](#) or contact [ippc-ephyto@fao.org](mailto:ippc-ephyto@fao.org)

