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**DRAFT 2019 AND 2020
AMENDMENTS TO ISPM 5:
GLOSSARY OF PHYTOSANITARY
TERMS (1994-001)**

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Background

The Glossary is constantly being updated.
This can involve:
additions, revisions, deletions

Because of this, make sure you
only use the **latest version** of
the Glossary
(available on www.ippc.int)!

In the **Draft 2019 and 2020
Amendments to ISPM 5**,
the proposals are:

0 addition
1 deletion
3 revisions

- **TPG:** December 2018 and November 2019
- **SC:** May 2019 and May 2020
- **First consultation:** 1 July to 30 September 2020

List of amendments

Additions

- [none]

Deletion

- “incidence”

Revisions

- “emergency action”
- “clearance (of a consignment)”
- “detection survey”

Deletion

“incidence (of a pest)”:

“Proportion or number of units in which a pest is present in a sample, consignment, field or other defined population”

- The current Glossary definition of “incidence”, although fitting well with the use of the term in plant protection, corresponds to the epidemiological definition of “prevalence” as used in human and animal health
- The general meaning of “incidence” in conventional dictionaries is consistent with its Glossary definition that simply makes the term more specific to plant protection
- The term “incidence” can therefore be removed from the Glossary, and the terms “prevalence” and “incidence” used in their general sense

Revisions

“emergency action”:

“A prompt ~~phytosanitary~~ official ~~action~~ operation undertaken in a new or unexpected phytosanitary situation”

- Removing “phytosanitary” from “phytosanitary action” clarifies that an emergency action can target both regulated and non-regulated pests
- Replacing “phytosanitary” with “official” retains the notion that any emergency action should be taken under the authority of the NPPO
- Replacing “action” with “operation” is proposed for consistency with the definition of the term “phytosanitary action”
- The term “phytosanitary action” is used for operations undertaken to implement phytosanitary measures, and the term “emergency action” for operations undertaken in new or unexpected phytosanitary situations

Revisions (cont.)

“Clearance (of a consignment)”:

“~~Verification~~ Official process of verifying compliance with **phytosanitary regulations**”

- “Verification of” is proposed to be replaced by “process of verifying” to explicitly state that clearance is the process and not the result of the process of verifying compliance with phytosanitary regulations
- The addition of “official” to “process” emphasizes that clearance of consignments is the responsibility of NPPOs

Revisions (cont.)

“detection survey”:

“Survey conducted to determine presence or absence of **pests** in an area, place of production or production site”

- The objective of a detection survey is to determine whether a pest is present. A detection survey can thus be used to determine that a pest is absent
- “If” in the definition already expresses the concept of absence, but without being as explicit as in the definitions of “survey”, “delimiting survey” and “surveillance”. It is therefore suggested to replace the conditional “if” (“if pests are present”) by the addition of “or absence”
- It is proposed to include in the definition “in an area, place of production or production site” to be consistent with the definition of “survey” and to improve clarity



For more information on the 2019 and 2020 Draft Amendments to ISPM 5, please also refer to:

- The reports for the 2018 December and 2019 November TPG meetings
- The report for the 2019 May meeting and the 2020 April-May OCS review of SC





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