

# **E-Phyto Update**

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## Why ePhyto?

- Provide Credibility, integrity, security, and reduce fraud
- Expedite and facilitate trade
- Reduce costs
- International standardization ensures consistent data interpretation and conformance

## IPPC ePhyto Update

- CPM10
  - Continued support for Steering Group
  - Supported recommendation of Hub and Generic System
- STDF Proposal
- IPPC eCert Steering Group
  - Met twice this year
  - Monthly conference calls
  - Email exchanges
  - Developed business rule and requirements for Hub
- November 2015 Symposium on eCert
  - Finalize hub and generic system
  - Continue harmonization discussions
    - \*\*Side groups to focus on certain issues
  - Industry participants and viewpoint



#### ePhyto via Bi-Lateral Agreement





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#### Issues with this approach:

Systems available

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- Bilateral arrangement
  - Format and content:
    - Schema
    - Mapping
    - Codes and terms
  - Exchange mechanism
    - Transmission
    - Security
    - Authentication

# = COST/TIME



#### ePhyto via the HUB\*



## Why use this approach:

- No bilateral needs to participate
- Developing countries can participate
- Faster to implement
- Lower costs to implement and maintain

#### **Current Status:**

- STDF preliminary approval for \$1 million to develop Hub and Generic System
- Request was for \$1.3 million, so other 300K needs to be funded to get the STDF funding
- Discussions with UN-ICC are ongoing
- Optimistically hoping to pilot by mid-2016
  - Readiness survey to trading partners (PLEASE COMPLETE)



#### Paperless?

- In the short term, paper certificates still accompany shipments
- Paper certificates are used for more than phytosanitary certification i.e. letters of credit, etc.
- Multiple shipments cannot be differentiated at the port of arrival i.e. no unique identifier
- Key is not to disrupt TRADE.
- At a minimum, copies should always be available to industry
- Based on recent discussions with industry, countries are encouraged to provide an external validation mechanism (bar code, entry screen, etc)

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