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IPPC Steering Group

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Steering Group - Beginning

- CPM-8:
  - Create the Steering Group
  - Composed of:
    - One Bureau Member
    - Representative from each of the FAO regions
- Purpose:
  - Oversight
  - Guidance
  - Advice

Steering Group - Continued

- CPM-9:
- ePhyto Steering Group continues its work:
  - increase awareness
  - capacity development opportunities (with the Capacity Development Committee)
  - procedures for maintenance of harmonised terms, codes and transmission protocols
  - updating transmission protocols and the databases of harmonised terms and codes
  - continue analysis of ePhyto hub considering the ePhyto Hub Feasibility Study provided in CPM 2014/INF/13
- Report back at CPM-10 (2015) on progress, and recommendations to the CPM on how to proceed.

Steering Group - Now

- Monthly conference calls
- Two meetings
- 7 main tasks:
  - Maintaining Harmonization
  - Hub Development
  - Capacity Development
  - Financial
  - Legal
  - Communications
  - Program Management
- Subgroups of technical experts

Steering Group

- 4 factsheets (5th pending)
- Outreach at meetings (regional workshops)
- FAQs being developed
- Capacity Development Committee scoping document
- Expert panel reviewing “Hub service” document
- Existing list review
- Reviewing existing systems/opportunities for expansion

Dotting the “i” and Crossing the “t”

- What is ePhyto?
- Why do ePhyto?
- What changes?
- What opportunities does ePhyto create?
- What obstacles does ePhyto create?
- What is industry’s role?
- How do you handle certain issues?
  - Replacements
  - Notices of non-compliance
  - Clearance
- Paper standard (ISPM12) versus IT standards (UN/CEFACT)

eCert Challenges

- Not just related to technical capabilities
- Continual evolution of eCert XML schema
  - U.S. using 6.0
- Web security mechanism
  - Digital signatures, encryptions (1 or 2)
- Non-uniform codes
  - Data
  - Error handling (basic and data related)
- ISPM12 versus electronic systems
  - Free for all versus structure
  - Commodity versus certificate Additional Declarations
  - Multiple units/packages
  - Complete rework for many systems
- Treatment (Process)
- Attachments

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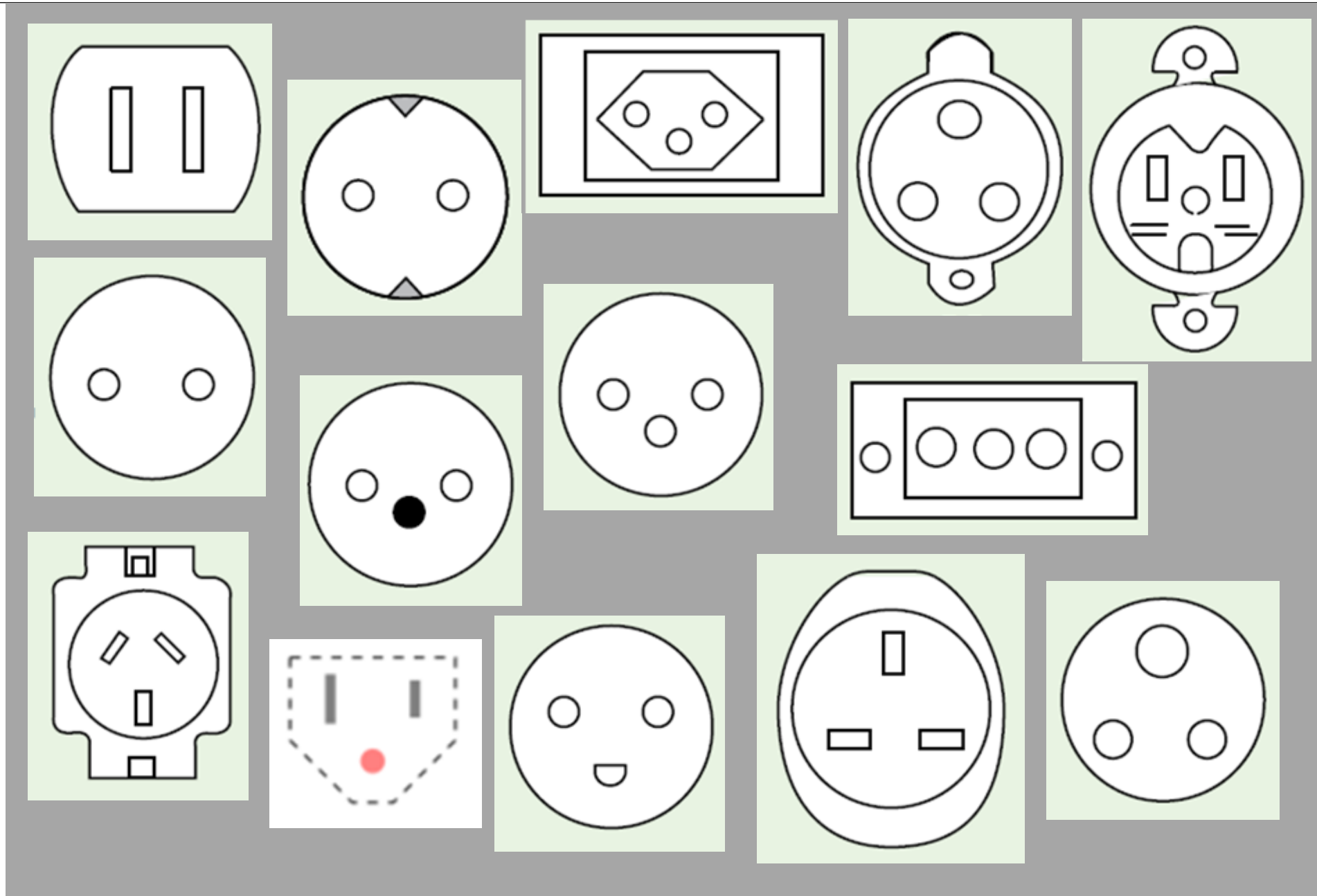

Questions for Discussion

- What is my NPPO's biggest constraint to being able to move to electronic certification?
- Does your NPPO have domestic legislation or regulations that would present a barrier to electronic certification, e.g. Requirements for paper certificates, specific formats for certificates, wet signatures?
- If you established a national electronic certification system how would you cover the costs?
  - Government funding?
  - Cost recovery from exporters?
  - Do you have the legal power to cost recover from exporters?
- If a basic generic electronic system to exchange certificate information was available to NPPO's, would your NPPO want to or be able to use it?