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# Outline

- Systems approaches
  - Examples of measures
  - Types of systems
  - Starting a system
  - Verification of the system
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# Systems Approach

- Integrate measures for pest risk management in a defined manner, could provide an alternative to single measures to meet the appropriate level of phytosanitary protection of an importing country. A systems approach requires the integration of different measures, at least **two** of which act independently, with a cumulative effect (ISPM 14).

# Systems Approach

- Application of critical control points to identify and evaluate points in a pathway where specified risks can be reduced and monitored.
- Opportunities for cooperation between importing and exporting countries.
- Usually designed as an option that is equivalent to but less restrictive than other measures.
- Opportunity for innovation and flexibility for managing risk.

# Examples of Measures

- Cultural practices
- Post-harvest disinfestation / treatment
- Inspection
- Pest surveillance
- Sampling
- Testing
- Resistant hosts
- Pest free areas / pest free places of production

# Minimum Requirements for a measure

- Clearly defined
- Efficacious
- Mandatory
- Can be monitored and controlled by the responsible NPPO

# Types of systems

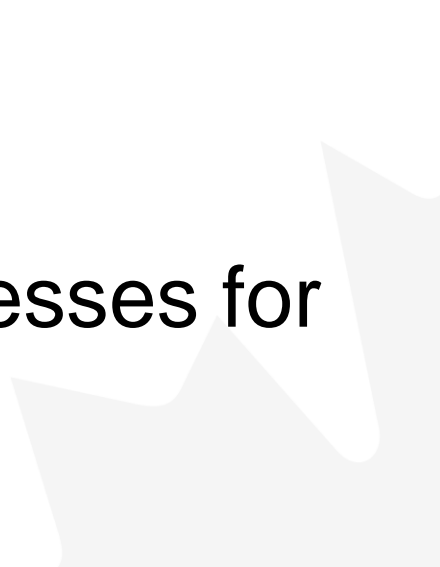
- Critical control point system (HACCP)
- Seed certification / OECD Seed Schemes
- Good Seed and Plant Practices
- Quality Management System (QMS)

# Starting the system

- Establish an outcome based flexible framework
  - Roles and Responsibilities
  - Requirements
  - Audit / verification process
  - Dealing with non-compliance
  - Approval Process / Registration
  - Review
  - Dispute resolution



# Verification

- In country system audits
  - Document review to supplement in country audits
  - Trial periods
  - International accreditation processes for testing labs
  - Third party audits
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# Summary

- Systems are a combination of measures that are equivalent to but less restrictive than other measures.
- There are options for systems verification.
- Ideally a common system can be applied to meet the needs of multiple importing countries.