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Pest Risk Analysis (PRA), an important tool in Plant Health

Organised by the European and Mediterranean Plant Protection Organization (EPPO)

Side Event 1

Tuesday, 1 October 2019

12.00 – 13.00 hours

A side-session meeting room

Background/objective

In order to prevent the entry and spread of damaging pests, it is important to identify potential risks at an early stage and propose technically justified phytosanitary measures to mitigate these risks. In order to formalize this process, the concept of Pest Risk Analysis (PRA) has been developed and used, both at global and regional level. The aim of PRA is to decide whether pests should be regulated or not as quarantine pest and propose risk management options. Since the 1990s, the European and Mediterranean Plant Protection Organization (EPPO) has been developing Standards on how to perform PRA. These Standards remain in line with international standards for phytosanitary measures (ISPMs) which have also been developed within the framework of the International Plant Protection Convention (IPPC), in particular with ISPM 11 *Pest Risk Analysis*.

Pest Risk Analysis: *Process of evaluating biological or other scientific and economic evidence to determine whether a pest should be regulated and the strength of any phytosanitary measures to be taken against it (ISPM 5, FAO).*

The process of PRA and the tools that could be used will be explained and illustrated in a presentation.

Key messages/expected outcomes

- Better understanding of the importance of PRA
- Understanding of the available EPPO and other tools for PRA
- Clarity on the role EPPO plays in performing PRAs and supporting countries in performing PRAs themselves
- Overview on sources of information provided by EPPO

Language: The languages of the Side Event will be English and Russian.

Provisional Agenda	
Moderator: Mr Nico Horn	
12.00 – 12.10	Introduction
12.10 – 12.20	Role of Pest Risk Analysis (PRA) in the formulation of national phytosanitary import requirements
12.20 – 12.45	Tools supporting the conduct of PRA and examples to illustrate PRAs
12.45 – 13.00	Questions and answers
Side event coordinator: Nico Horn	