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National regulatory control systems  
Systèmes de lutte nationaux réglementaires

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## Approval

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## Amendment record

Amendments will be issued as necessary, numbered and dated. The dates of amendment appear in each individual Standard (as appropriate).

## Scope

EPPO Standards on national regulatory control systems are intended to be used by National Plant Protection Organizations, in their capacity as bodies responsible for official control of regulated pests.

## References

- EPPO/CABI (1997) *Quarantine Pests for Europe*, 2nd edn. CAB International, Wallingford (GB).
- EU (2000) Council Directive 2000/29/EC of 8 May 2000 on protective measures against the introduction into the Community of organisms harmful to plants or plant products and against their spread within the community. *Official Journal of the European Communities L169*, 1–112.
- FAO (1997) *International Plant Protection Convention* (new revised text). FAO, Rome (IT).
- IPPC (2007) *Glossary of Phytosanitary Terms*. ISPM no. 5. Supplement no. 1. Guidelines on the interpretation and application of the concept of official control for regulated pests. IPPC Secretariat, FAO, Rome (IT).

## Appendix 1 – Definitions

*Area of low pest prevalence*: an area, whether all of a country, part of a country, or all or parts of several countries, as identified by the competent authorities, in which a specific pest occurs at low levels and which is subject to effective surveillance, control or eradication measures.

*Containment*: application of phytosanitary measures in and around an infested area to prevent spread of a pest.

*Eradication*: application of phytosanitary measures to eliminate a pest from an area.

*Incursion*: an isolated population of a pest recently detected in an area, not known to be established, but expected to survive for the immediate future.

*Monitoring*: an official ongoing process to verify phytosanitary situations.

*Official control*: the active enforcement of mandatory phytosanitary regulations and the application of mandatory phytosanitary procedures with the objective of eradication or containment of quarantine pests or for the management of regulated non-quarantine pests.

*Outbreak*: a recently detected pest population, including an incursion, or a sudden significant increase of an established pest population in an area.

*Pest-free area*: an area in which a specific pest does not occur as demonstrated by scientific evidence and in which, where appropriate, this condition is being officially maintained.

*Pest-free place of production*: place of production in which a specific pest does not occur as demonstrated by scientific evidence and in which, where appropriate, this condition is being officially maintained for a defined period.

*Phytosanitary procedure*: any official method for implementing phytosanitary regulations including the performance of inspections, tests, surveillance or treatments in connection with regulated pests.

*Quarantine area*: an area within which a quarantine pest is present and is being officially controlled.

*Suppression*: the application of phytosanitary measures in an infested area to reduce pest populations.

*Surveillance*: an official process which collects and records data on pest occurrence or absence by survey, monitoring or other procedures.

*Survey*: an official procedure conducted over a defined period of time to determine the characteristics of a pest population or to determine which species occur in an area.

## Appendix 2 – Outline of requirements

EPPO Standards on national regulatory control systems describe procedures for official control of individual regulated pests, for the purpose of their eradication or containment, or demonstration or maintenance of pest-free areas, pest-free places of production or areas of low pest prevalence. These Standards conform to supplement No. 1 of ISPM no. 5 Glossary of phytosanitary terms:

‘Guidelines on the interpretation and application of the concept of official control for regulated pests’.