

RECOGNITION OF ZONES, COMPARTMENTS AND PEST STATUS

1. In accordance with the provisions of Article 6.10, the exporting Party seeking recognition by the importing Party of its zones and compartments, including pest-free areas or disease-free areas and areas of low pest or low disease prevalence and protected zones if applicable, shall notify its request for recognition to the importing Party.
2. The Parties shall notify each other of any change in the measures specified in paragraph 1 which relate to the disease or pest. If the importing Party has requested additional guarantees, such additional guarantees may, in the light of such notification, be amended or withdrawn.
3. The notification referred to in paragraph 1 shall be accompanied by an explanation supporting the request for recognition of a zone and compartment and other supporting data setting out, in particular:
  - (a) for animal health:
    - (i) the nature of the disease and the history of its occurrence in the territory of the exporting Party;
    - (ii) the results of surveillance testing based on serological, microbiological, pathological or epidemiological investigation and the period over which the surveillance was carried out;
    - (iii) an indication as to whether it is necessary for the disease to be notified to the competent authorities;

(iv) if applicable, the period during which vaccination against the disease was prohibited and the geographical area concerned by the prohibition; and

(v) the SPS measures taken to verify the absence of the disease;

(b) for plant health:

(i) a list of regulated pests established pursuant to paragraph 10 of Article 6.10, including regulated quarantine and regulated non-quarantine pests including:

(A) regulated quarantine pests: pests of potential economic importance not known to occur within any part of the territory of the exporting Party;

(B) regulated quarantine pests: pests of potential economic importance which are present but not widely distributed in the territory of the exporting Party and are under control;

(C) regulated non-quarantine pests; and

(D) if applicable, pests not known to occur within pest-free areas where legal requirements are in place to keep the pest-free status (protected zones), including movement and import requirements for host plants.

4. Any change to the list of regulated quarantine and regulated non-quarantine pests established in point (b)(i) of paragraph 3 shall be based on a PRA or relevant technical information and communicated to the other Party in accordance with Article 6.11.