

SUMMARY OF THE COUNTRY REPORT OF TIMOR-LESTE

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Introduction

Timor-Leste has laws and regulations that authorize the agency named *Direccão Nacional de Quarentena e Bioseguranca (DNQB)* or the National Directorate of Quarantine and Biosecurity (NDQB) is to own duties and functions of coordinating and implementing the law, international regulations regarding quarantine and sanitary agricultural product in the import and export of live animals and plants, derivative products of animal and plant origin, machinery, equipment and used vehicles, and soils, goods or objects, as well as sanitary control towards land vehicles, ships and aircraft through the implementation of quarantine measures; Inspection, Isolation, Observation, Treatment, Detention, Refusal for entry into the Country, Destruction, Release.

Supporting Legislation

Currently, DNB is working according to 3 regulations in vigor in Timor-Leste. The third rule is written in the Portuguese language and has been publication on the website: <http://www.jornal.gov.tl>. Free translations of the English version for all three rules are as follows:

- a) Decree-Law No. 21/2003, of 31st December, “Quarantine and Sanitary Control on Imported and Exported Goods”. Please read Portuguese version in link http://www.jornal.gov.tl/public/docs/2002_2005/decreto_lei_governo/21_2003.pdf
- b) Governmental Decree Law No. 1/2006, dated 20th September, “Timor Leste General Quarantine Regulations” (**Article 58 Electronic issue of certification**). Please read Portuguese version in link http://www.jornal.gov.tl/public/docs/2006/serie_1/serie1_no15.pdf
- c) Decree-Law No. 5/2014, of 26 December, “Structure of Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries “(Article 14 National Directorate of Quarantine and Biosecurity). Please read Portuguese version in link http://www.jornal.gov.tl/public/docs/2014/serie_1/serie1_no8.pdf

Phytosanitary Certificate Production Capacity and Barriers to Having ePhyto Operating

Currently, Timor-Leste has not used the Phytosanitary Certificate (PC) SPS UNCEFACT Schema version but still making a PC version of the hard copy. Once completed will notify that all the members of the IPPC before DNQB use it. At the moment, Timor-Leste still using the document Export Permit

(EP) which is similar to the PC. PC has not been issued because of constraints; Lack of Infrastructure (Office, Laboratory and Facilities) and Technical (lack of IT Expert and plant health expert); Lack of Specific Regulations Support (quarantine regulated pest, and quarantine fees and costs); Lack of Finance Support for SPS Capacity (Software package version of UNCEFACT SPS Schema and ePhyto).

In 2013, DNQB has issued the EP as many as 624 and received a hard copy version of the PC as many as 1564 and no re-export activities so there is no re-export documents.

Infrastructure requirements

One of the challenges that make DNQB not use the PC is due to lack of infrastructure and facilities for conducting quarantine measures well. Infrastructure and facilities needed once was; adequate DNQB office building, laboratory and equipment.

Capacity development requirements

DNQB Timor-Leste cannot harmonize quarantine measures in accordance with regulations, standards, guidelines and international recommendations of the SPS Agreement (IPPC). For that Timor-Leste propose to:

- a) Needs technical assistance and training from the APPPC to make *SPS Software package* properly (hard copy and ePhyto version of UNCEFACT *SPS Schema*, electronic XML [extensible Markup Language], digital signatures/SSL certificates and Web Services Description Language [WSDL])
- b) Needs IPPC's expert (plant quarantine expert) to conduct assessment on performance of plant quarantine services in Timor-Leste
- c) Needs technical assistant expert to review our drafted list of quarantine regulated pest before approve and submit to IPPC Secretariat
- d) Needs technical assistant expert to make list of prohibited or restricted items for importation, for quarantine reasons
- e) Needs technical assistant expert to make Standard Operational Procedure (SOP) for plant quarantine measures: Inspection; Isolation; Observation; Treatment; Detention; Refusal for entry into the Country; Destruction; Release.