
Message from Desk of APPPC Executive Secretary

Dear Colleagues

This 6th newsletter would like to publicize on the NRO year (April 2017-March 2018) that focus on the reporting of phytosanitary legislation. The aim of the NRO year is to increase awareness to official contact point on the obligation to upload and update phytosanitary legislation through the IPP. Presently, 17 APPPC countries have upload their phytosanitary legislation and some have numerous update with 106 reporting are recorded in IPP till May 2017. The APPPC countries that have not upload their phytosanitary legislation are encourage to ensure APPPC countries have 100% achievement. On the other hands, please continue the reporting of the others NRO for 2017 to share information with trading partners.

The APPPC working group on preparation of the APPPC's work plan for the next biennium was convened successfully in Bangkok, Thailand. The meeting was conducted back to back with the Standard Committee Meeting to review the Hot Water Immersion Treatment (HWIT) for mangoes. The group discussed the achievement of the work plan which was approval in the 29th Session in Bali, Indonesia, project to be implemented in remaining of 2017 and propose biennium programmes for 2018-2019 that will be table at the 30th Session. Relevant budget have also been discussed for the remaining project implementation of 2017 and the proposed programmes 2018-2019 including assessed contribution from member countries. The meeting suggest a 5% increased to cover the financial costs of the programmes for 2018-2019. Likewise, at the end of the Standard Committee meeting, a draft RSPM have been drafted and the secretariat has circulate to members for comments. Please provide your feedback to Dr. John Hedley and copy to Mr. John Hancocks and Dr. Yongfan Piao before 31 August 2017 for compilation and evaluation and the final draft will be table at the 30th Session Meeting in New Zealand for adoption.

In term of capacity development, the FAO pesticide registration toolkit training workshop in Beijing have enlighten participant in using the toolkit to enhance their pesticide registration decision making especially for countries lacking in resources. Overall, the hands-on training with numerous example have increased the knowledge and capacity of the participants. The upcoming capacity development on surveillance planning, coordination and delivery will be held in Chiang Rai, Thailand on 17-21 July 2017 to strengthen the capacity of APPPC member countries in fulfilling the IPPC obligation and implement the various ISPMs and RSPM for market access and pest management. All senior officers are invited to attend.

Finally, I wish all readers happy reading and happy celebration for the Muslim friends and colleagues

Best Regards

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Information Exchange Activities of the Second Quarter 2017

The first meeting of the National Reporting Obligations Advisory Group in 2014 has agreed to dedicate every year for different national reporting obligation (NRO) in encouraging contracting parties to enhance the awareness in uploading and update their reporting of the selected NRO. The IPPC secretariat endorsed by CPM 12 in Korea has dedicated this year NRO (April 2017 – March 2018) for reporting on phytosanitary legislation. The objective is to increase general awareness of this NRO and ensure an increased in number and a better quality of reports uploaded by countries on the International Phytosanitary Portal (IPP).

The obligation of contracting parties to report on phytosanitary legislation is refer to the Article VII.2 (b) of the IPPC in which *contracting parties shall, immediately upon their adoption, publish and transmit phytosanitary requirements, restrictions and prohibitions to any contracting party or parties that they believe may be directly affected by such measures should upload the information in the IPP* regardless of any circumstances.

To date 17 APPPC members countries have upload NRO on phytosanitary legislation and some have several update to achieve 106 reporting as at May 2017. However, 8 countries did not upload any information on phytosanitary legislation and the APPPC secretariat encourage these countries official contact point to be aware on this obligation. In addition, all contacting parties should continue their reporting on other topics of the NRO especially updating the official contact point page since this information is often changing due to promotion or retirement of the current official contact point.

APPPC Activities Achievement April - June 2017

REPORT OF THE APPPC WORKING GROUP MEETING ON THE PREPARATION OF APPPC'S WORK PLAN FOR 2018-2019 Bangkok, Thailand

The APPPC working group meeting on the preparation of APPPC's work plan for 2018-2019 was held in Bangkok, Thailand on 8-10 May 2017. The Vice-Chairs of the 29th Session of APPPC, Chair and Vice-Chairs of APPPC three Standing Committees and members of APPPC Standards Committee attended the meeting to review the implementation of the work plan adopted at the 29th Session, discussed the work plan for the remaining period of current biennium and discussed the draft work plan for 2018-2019. The outcomes of the meeting will be reported at the 30th Session that will be convened on 20-24 November 2017 in New Zealand for discussion and adoption.

The meeting also discussed on the estimated costings to finance the activities of the remaining period of 2017, the tentative budget of the work plan for 2018-2019 and the assessed

contribution of contracting countries during 2018-2019 based on the tentative work plan and the budget concerned. It was recommended that assess contribution for 2018-2019 should increase by 5% to be adequate in covering the cost of the propose activities drafted during the meeting. APPPC official contact point is urges to seek their government view on the increased before the final decision make at the 30th Session meeting in New Zealand. At the closing remarks, the APPPC secretary encourage all countries to nominate at least three officers to represent their country especially at the half day session to discuss the programme for Plant Quarantine, Pesticide Management and Integrated Pest Management for the next biennium.



Participant's APPPC working group meeting on the preparation of APPPC's work plan for 2018-2019

THE APPPC STANDARDS COMMITTEE MEETING FOR DEVELOPMENT OF RSPM

The APPPC Standard Committee meeting to review the draft RSPM for the Hot Water Immersion Treatment (HWIT) for fruit flies in mangoes was convened from 11-12 May 2017 which is back to back with APPPC working group meeting on the preparation of work plan for 2018-2019. After reviewing the section arrangement of the existing draft RSPM, the standard committee have decided to revise the section arrangement to be more logical and clearer. It was also agreed to move the treatment level for the different weight classes of mangoes as an Annex. The cooling methods used after the HWIT was discussed at length to ascertain the effects on the efficacy of the treatment and the quality of the fruit. In addition, Thailand agree to conduct further verification trials to upgrade the experimental statistics in supporting the draft RSPM.

REGIONAL WORKSHOP ON APPLICATION OF THE FAO PESTICIDE REGISTRATION TOOLKIT

The Regional Workshop on the Application of the FAO Pesticide Registration Toolkit was convened from 29 May - 3 June 2017 in Beijing, China. The workshop was organized in collaboration with the Institute for the Control of Agrochemicals, Ministry of Agriculture (ICAMA). More than forty participants from Cambodia, China, Indonesia, Laos, and Philippines participated in the workshop.

The FAO Pesticide Registration Toolkit support pesticide regulators especially for countries with limited resources in conducting the process of evaluating pesticide for registration. It can be used as a training and reference tool for pesticide registration authorities in assisting them in making reliable decision. This workshop was conducted with the main aim to enhance pesticide regulatory management capacity in Asian countries, sharing data and experience and expanding knowledge on pesticide registration.

During the workshop, three facilitators introduced the structure and contents of the FAO Pesticide Registration Toolkit and assist the participants get familiar with the Toolkit. Their presentations demonstrated to the participants on how to use the Toolkit to search data, establish links to registration procedures, share national experiences on risk assessment, etc. They are given hands-on exercise with several examples on how to use the Toolkit at each section of the workshop.

The workshop also shared the knowledge and experience of the Chinese authority in regulating highly hazardous pesticides. They demonstrated to the participants on risk assessment methods and procedures for human and environmental health and introduced the China's operator risk assessment model (COP-Risk) and fate model for paddy field (TOP-RICE model).

It was hoped that the training would enable registration authority of participating countries to improve the capacity of regulatory management through registration enhancement. The toolkit will strengthen the capacity of participating countries in regulatory management of pesticides to apply the analogy strategy by bridging assessment methods in pesticide registration process and make appropriate decision based on the consideration of local feasibility. All of the participants agreed that the Toolkit was very useful for them and willing to share this knowledge to their colleagues. They also hoped FAO would provide more training in the future.



Participants of the pesticide registration toolkits training in Beijing China

Up Coming APPPC Activities (July - September 2017)

TRAINING WORKSHOP ON SURVEILLANCE PROGRAMME PLANNING, COORDINATION AND DELIVERY

The second workshop of the six years APPPC surveillance programme on *Plant Health Surveillance Programme: Planning, Coordination and Delivery* will introduce participants to the fundamentals of surveillance programme planning, coordination and delivery responsibilities of an NPPO. This is relevant in implementing and maintaining plant health surveillance systems in accordance with ISPM 6 (revised Oct '15) and the IPPC obligations of plant quarantine activities. The workshop will be held on 17-21 July 2017 in Chiang Rai, Thailand.

This workshop will be organized by the APPPC Secretariat and delivered by DAWR plant health surveillance specialists over a five-day period. The main aim of the workshop is to strengthen regional surveillance systems and management capabilities, supporting the implementation of international and regional surveillance standards (ISPM 4, ISPM 6, ISPM 26 and RSPM No.3) through the provision of technical training, reference manuals, online learning resources and surveillance tools. This will lead to enhance management of regional plant pest risks, support member's plant pest status, strengthen pest risk analysis and facilitate information sharing

amongst the APPPC member countries. All senior plant protection officers of the APPPC countries are invited to attend the workshop. The tentative programme as follows:

- Day One: Surveillance program planning and prioritization
- Day Two: Surveillance program design and surveillance protocol development
- Day Three: Field surveillance coordination, delivery and stakeholder engagement
- Day Four: Proposed field trip
- Day Five: Post survey management, coordination and stakeholder feedback

Brief News

POTENTIAL OUTBREAK OF YELLOW SPINED BAMBOO LOCUST IN LAO PDR AND VIETNAM

The latest update on the outbreak of Yellow Spined Bamboo Locust (YSBL) affecting 5 provinces in Lao PDR and 2 provinces in Viet Nam. The populations have hatch in April and hatching will continue until end of May. It was expected that the nymph will aggregate in millions and destroyed crops along the path until fledgling. The adults will start swarming in July till October 2017 for several kilometers to mate and lay eggs. The adults also will damage crops along the flight path. Lao PDR and Viet Nam authorities are taking actions to control the locusts from damaging agriculture crops and hoping some assistance from international organizations and neighboring countries to reduce the impacts of the potential outbreaks. FAO is preparing an emergency TCP to assist Lao PDR and Viet Nam in harmonizing the surveillance system, build capacity in the locust management and implement control measures using bio-pesticides.



Aggregation of YSBL nymphs on Bamboo leaves before swarming

REGIONAL WORKSHOP ON ANALYSIS FOR PRODUCTION, TRANSACTION AND PHYTOSANITARY SYSTEMS FOR SEEDS

The regional workshop on production, transaction and phytosanitary system for seeds has been organized by FAO/APPPC and the government of Thailand on 27 June 2017 in Bangkok, Thailand. The main aim of the workshop is to determine, formulate and prioritize activities to be implemented under the project GCP/RAS/297/JPN and identify national capacity building programmes for Thailand and Viet Nam as participating countries of the project. In achieving the workshop outputs, discussions among International Plant Quarantine Experts and the participating countries was conducted to collate views and recommendations based on the survey on the gaps of each country in implementing the phytosanitary system and the technical requirements for adequate phytosanitary system in production and transaction of seeds for planting. The Deputy Director General of DOA Thailand officiate the opening. At the end of the workshop, all participants agreed that the outcomes have been achieved in strengthening the project activities based on each country needs.

30TH SESSION OF APPPC MEETING IN NEW ZEALAND

Invitation letter for the 30th Session of APPPC meeting in Rotorua, New Zealand has been sent to all the official contact point of APPPC countries. All APPPC member countries are encourage to nominate at least 3 officers in representing their country especially in the half day planning meeting of the 3 Standing Committee on Plant Quarantine, Pesticide Management and Integrated Pest Management in preparation for the next 2018-2019 biennium programme. The Ministry of the Primary Industry has prepared an exciting serious work meeting cum pleasure events for the meeting. All member countries are welcome to participate

DRAFT RSPM ON HOT WATER IMERSION TREATMENT OF FRUIT FLY IN MANGOES

The draft RSPM on HWIT has been approved by the Standard Committee and circulate to all members for their comments. All member countries are encourage to review the final draft and submitted their comments to Dr. John Hedley (John.Hedley@mpi.govt.nz) with copy to Mr. Bruce Hancocks (Bruce.Hancocks@agriculture.gov.au) and Dr. Piao Yongfan (Yongfan.Piao@fao.org) before 31 August 2017 for compilation and evaluation. The final draft after this review will be table for discussion at the 30th APPPC Session in New Zealand for adoption.