

# NATIONAL PLANT QUARANTINE SERVICES DIVISION

**Chief, NPQSD  
SG-24**

Biotech  
Secretariat

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SG-22**

## Accreditation & Licensing Section

- Import
- Export
- (Exporter/ Facility Operator/ Farmer)
- Treatment Providers (Vapor Heat Treatment/ Extended Hot Water Treatment /Fumigators, Heat Treatment)
- Clearances

## Quarantine Policy & Coordination Section

- Supports activities of the PQ Board
- Drafts Memo/ AO & National Guidelines in compliance with approved international standards
- Coordinates with other regulatory agencies of DA which has overlapping functions w/ the NPQS
- Identifies/ formulates/ reviews quarantine policies & issuances
- Coordinates w/ the PRA group on the formulation of AOs, agreements, workplan as a results of the completed PRA

## Pest Risk Analysis Section

PRA conducts Risk Analysis for Imported products (pest categorization, risk assessment and risk management)

- Conducts PRA in situations where there is pest outbreak in the country of import or in the Philippines
- Revisit the existing PRA's where there is high pest detection, changed in policies/regulations and new pest information in the country of import
- Establishment/updating pest data base
- Review of PQ import conditions
- Communicates with stakeholders & trading partners on the result of the PRA
- Visit exporting country to determine the phytosanitary measures to be implements prior to export or during shipment of the commodity

## Market Access Section

- Develop a work programme for the market access proposals
- Gather information & compile dossier
- Prepare market access submissions
- Consider results of risk analysis by importing country
- Recommend policy & operation of regulatory requirements
- Identifies/ request/maintain market for agricultural products
- Drafts Multi-lateral and Bilateral Agreements/ workplan based on results of PRA
- Engages in actual negotiations with other countries
- Consultation with stakeholders

## Special Programs Section

- Low Monitoring Survey
- Mango Program
- Okra Program

## Laboratory Operation and Diagnostic Section

- Oversee the implementation of all laboratories of the NPQS
- Function as a center for pests identification and standardization of diagnostic procedures
- Develop new procedures for diagnosis & control of pests
- Provide accurate & timely identification of pest to be used as basis for any quarantine actions or decisions
- Collaborate w/ experts/scientist in providing technical assistance on matters related to different plant pest groups
- Evaluate the needs & prepare action plan for development/ improvement of each of the laboratory

## Data Base Management System Section

- Collects, organize, stores, modifies, updates, extract and provides information on Plant Quarantine
- Consolidation of monthly regional report & annual reports
- Establish /maintain/update /manage export & import data for agricultural plants & plant products

## Information and Communication Section

- IEC
- Press Release
- Maintenance/ updating of the PQS website

## SPS Section

- Gather/ update/submit/upl oad required info in compliance w/ the Phil. National reporting obligations to the IPPC, APPCC
- review comment, act on notification related to trade
- Review/ evaluate/ comment on the draft ISPM
- Address issues/concerns on the implementation/en forcement of the food safety act
- Negotiate dispute on any matter that may arise under the SPS Agreement
- Prepares position papers/briefer for delegations ,attending international forums such as SOM-AMAF,CPM, WTO, BIMP,etc.

## Capacity Building and Cooperation Section

- Identify possible source of fund for capacity/capability building for all aspects of quarantine
- Coordinates w/ funding agencies which will support the capacity enhancement programs
- formulate proposals to be submitted to possible funding agencies
- determine capacity/cap. Enhancement needs of the NPSQD
- Manage the financial & administrative aspect of quarantine

## NPQS Stations

- Inspects targeted cargo for pests and diseases
- Direct the treatment, reshipment, re-exportation, or destruction of consignment when harboring pests, pathogens are found
- Encode relevant data to the DA Trade System
- Organize and conduct diagnostic tests as required.