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Workstreams, Outbreaks & Surveys

...a day in the life of Plant Health Policy!

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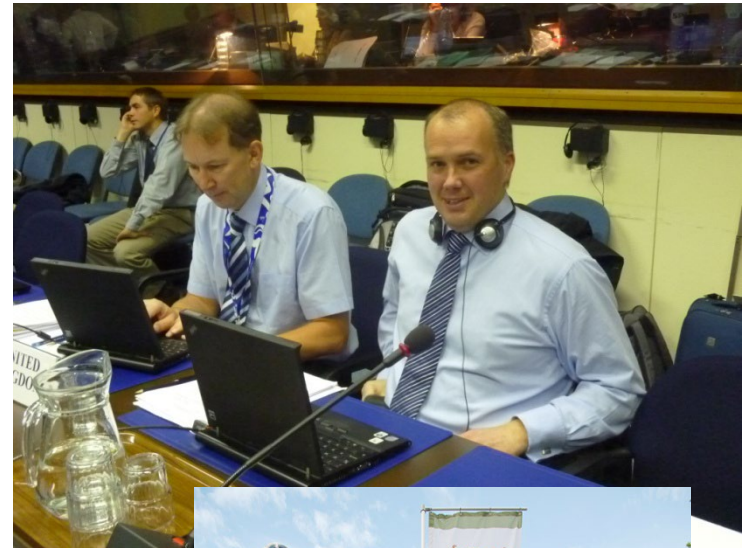
My Background

Who am I?

...a question I often ask myself

What do I do?

...a question my boss often asks himself!



Pest reporting and the exchange of phytosanitary information:

- The UK Plant Health Strategy Board: Risk Management Workstream
- Notification of outbreaks
- EU Survey returns and additional information



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UK Plant Health Strategy Board

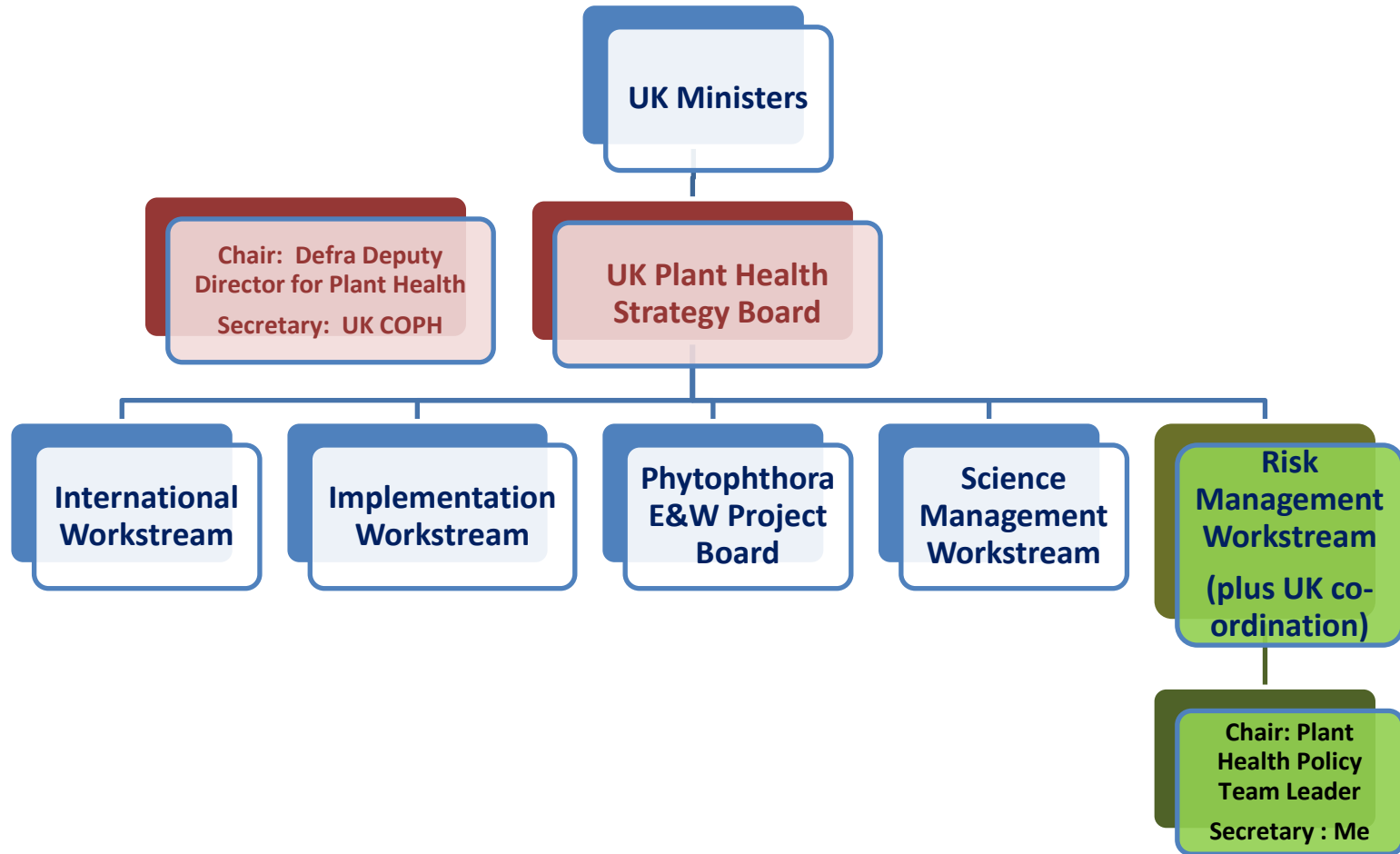
Risk Management Workstream

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The UK Plant Health Strategy Board?

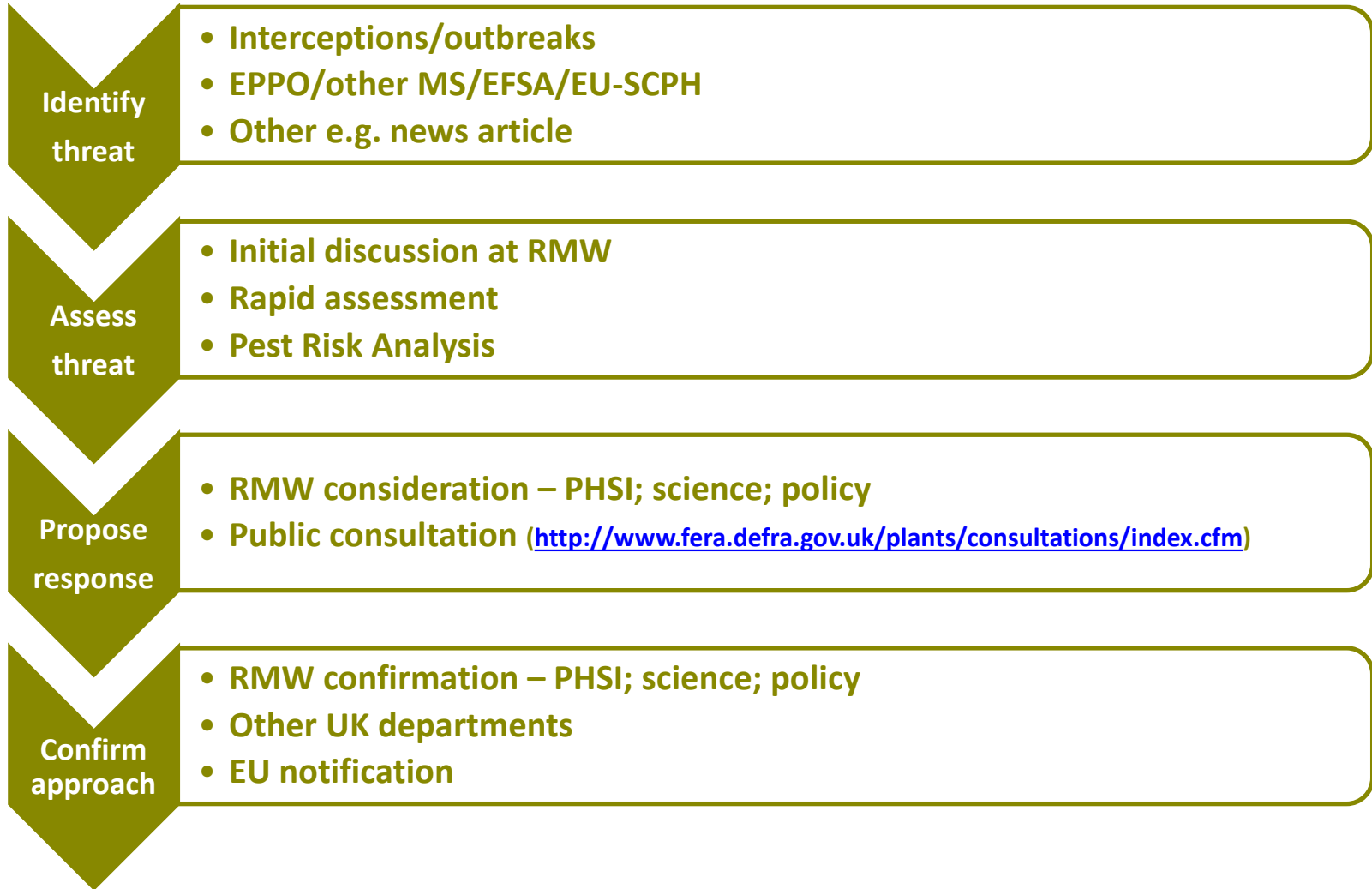
- The “current” structure



The Risk Management Workstream

- What is the Risk Management Workstream (RMW)?
 - Meets monthly
 - “Core members” co-ordinate input from their specialism
 - Devolved Administrations and Forestry Commission participation
- What does it do?
 - Develops UK positions on plant health issues
 - Prioritises and considers risk assessments
 - Takes decisions on new and revised threats
 - Agrees surveys and inspections required
 - Outcomes feed into 6-monthly UK co-ordination process

How it works



Current consultations

- *Ceratocystis platani* (Plane wilt)
- *Aromia bungii* (the red-necked longhorn beetle)
- European mountain ash ringspot associated virus
- *Dialeuropora decempuncta* (Breadfruit whitefly)
- *Phenacoccus solenopsis* (Cotton mealybug)
- *Paraponyx polydectalis*
- *Phenacoccus parvus* (Morrison's small mealybug)
- *Melampsorium hiratsukanum* (Alder rust)





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Notifications of outbreaks

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Asian longhorn beetle

- March 2012 – 1st ever UK outbreak of ALB in south east England
- Initial brief notification sent providing known information at the time
- Supplementary report sent providing more information on the known demarcated area, survey and eradication action being taken
- More detailed report following 'conclusion' of eradication action to be provided with annual surveillance return
- Other knowledge sharing activities undertaken e.g. lessons learned





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Survey returns and additional information

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Survey returns

- Approximately 24 routine surveillance reports
- Additional reports for derogations
- Templates provided by EU
- Timetable for year
- Commissioning process
- Should be straightforward!
- Verification
- Additional information
- Submission to EU and other MS



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Third country interceptions

Follow up and notification

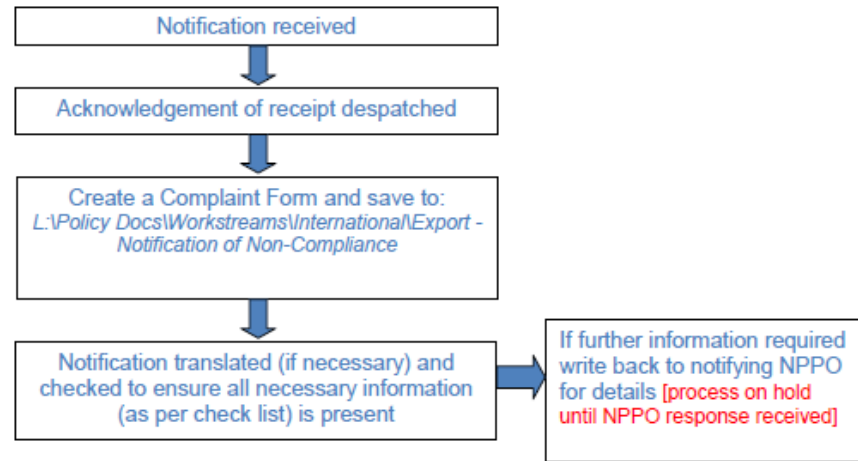
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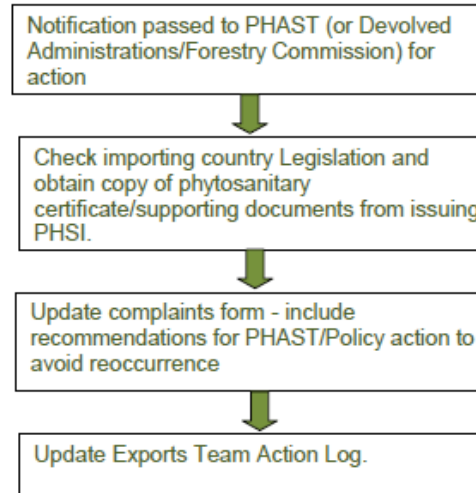
Non compliance system

- New process in place to follow up cases of non compliance by the UK
- Administered by the UK's Plant Health Policy team
- Improved follow up with exporter (if details are available!)
- Useful for monitoring trends
- Identifying areas where further information/training might be required

Infringement Notification Process



All PHAST action to be completed within 10 days of complete information being received:



Third country interception

- Notification of interceptions via Europhyt
- Direct communication with Third country





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**Thank you for
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Questions?



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