EPPO Codes in IT Systems
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DG SANTE systems using EPPO codes

- **TRACES (TRAde Control and Expert System)**
- Europhyt Interceptions and Outbreaks
- **PPPAMS (Plant Protection Products Application Management System)**
- Reporting suite used for the impact assessment for Endocrine disruptors
- **Plant Health Surveys Programme (Eradication Funds)**
What are the needs of DG SANTE?

1. **TRACES**
   - Management of health Certificates for food and plant (SPS) for EU (1.6M certificates per year)
   - High volumes = high value = Critical path
   - Provenance of products is worldwide ie. covers exotic species too
   - Delays at borders can cause financial loss
   - Need for speed in setting new taxonomic codes
What are the needs of DG SANTE?

2. Europhyt

- Rapid alert notification system for plant health
- Need to have up to date taxonomic codes available
- Europhyt interception will soon be more integrated with TRACES
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3. PPPAMS

• Need to ensure codes are available to describe all uses of PPPs – 'crops' and 'pests'
• Complement of EPPO codes is essential for full implementation of PPPAMS
• Ongoing data collection exercise – MS must assign a code for all existing authorised uses
• Emergency authorisations must be submitted via PPPAMS
• For crops – need to align as much as possible to MRL 'products'
SANTE Proposals (TRACES & EUROPHYT)

- Extend the EPPO Catalogue:
  - Species already used in various countries according to IPCCS [all 3 SANTE systems]
  - Taxonomic codes
  - SANTE could propose temporary codes for business continuity (operational needs) until proper EPPO codes are in place
SANTE Proposals (PPPAMS)

- Mainly a need for new non-taxonomic codes
- Consider the MRL product list and try to assign codes for as many products as possible
- Develop codes for further crop groups
- Develop qualifiers, target groups, non-crop objects
- Plant Growth Regulators
- Use list of missing codes provided by SANTE
- Assist with the development of Guidance for use of EPPO Codes in SANTE Systems
Collaboration with EPPO

- SANTE has ensured capacity to co-finance in 2017 the work to develop the necessary codes. High potential to become a recurrent capacity
- Organise and plan collaboration
  - Financing Decision adopted (50k€ for 2017)
  - Scope of work
  - Co-financing agreement to be put in place
  - Develop a timeline
Thank you for your attention