

#### Netherlands Food and Consumer Product Safety Authority Ministry of Economic Affairs



# Phyto-flexscope at the National Reference Centre

New plant health rules in the EU need a different approach of validating tests for regulated organisms

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#### Why a 'new' flexible scope in plant health

New EU phytosanitary rules (14-12-2019)

- Official Controls Regulation 2017/625
- Plant Health Regulation 2016/2031

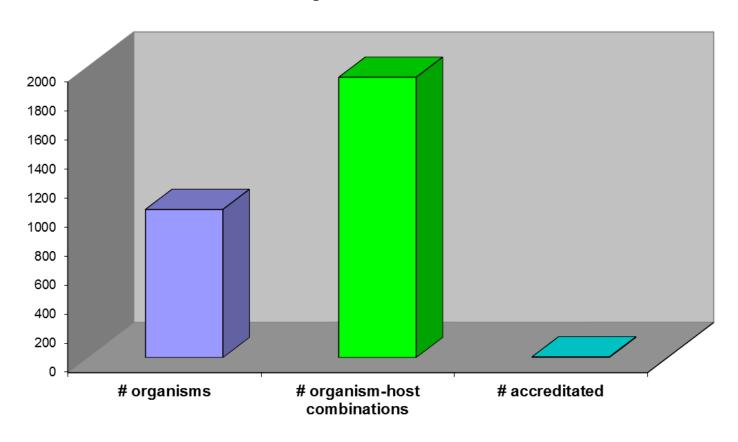
#### **Implications**

All official tests under accreditation per 29-4-2022



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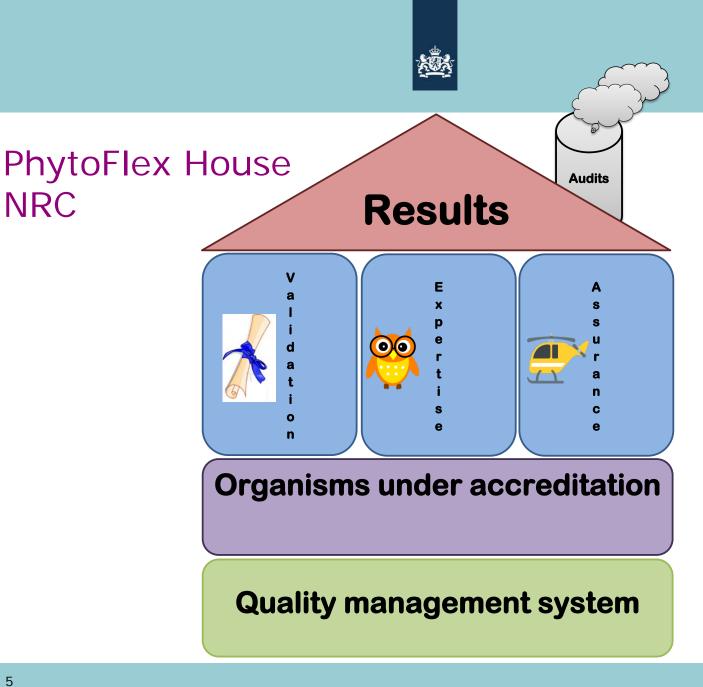
#### Diagnostic results 2014





### Why a 'new' flexible scope in plant health

- Many organism-matrix (host) combination
  - Variable each year
- Fixed and flexible scope will not allow accreditation of all official tests
- Discussion with national Accreditation Body for phyto-flexscope



**NRC** 



#### Key principles of PhytoFlex NRC







Validation
ISO 17025 (2017):
7.2.2.1.C
7.2.1.5 & 6 & 7

Expertise ISO 17025 (2017): 6.2.5 & 6 Quality Assurance ISO 17025 (2017): 7.7.1 & 2& 3





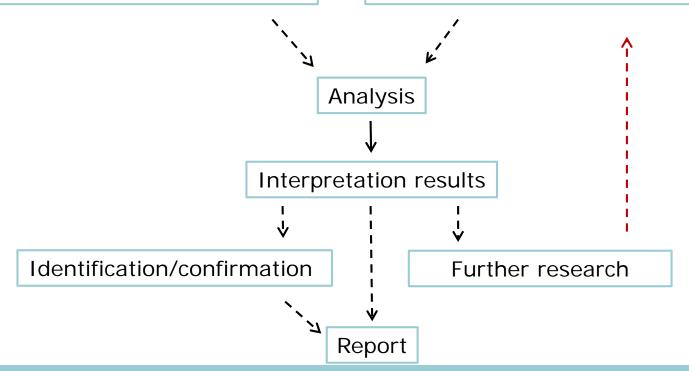
Targeted samples symptomatic and asymptomatic samples



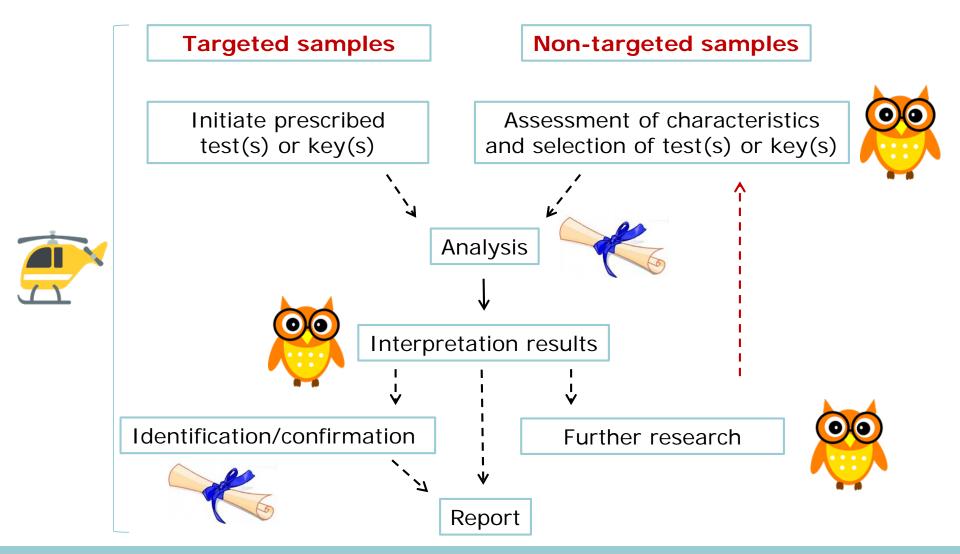
Non-targeted samples symptomatic samples

Initiate prescribed test(s) or key(s)

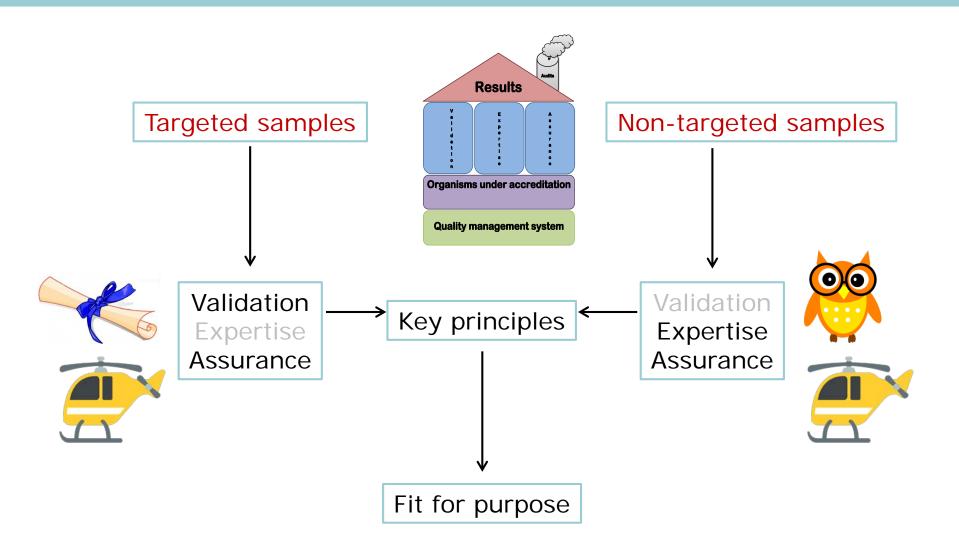
Assessment of characteristics and selection of test(s) or key(s)













#### Validation

#### Performance characteristics

- Analytical sensitivity
- Analytical specificity
  - Inclusivity (intraspecies variability)
  - Exclusivity (interspecies variability)
- Selectivity (matrix effects)
- Repeatability
- Reproducibility





## Validation (risk based)



Determine relevant performance characteristics (fit for purpose)

	Detection	Identification/ Confirmation				
Aim	Prevent false negatives	Prevent false positives				
Analytical sensitivity	Sensitivity sufficient?	Covered by detection				
Analytical specificity	Detect all variants of target organism (inclusivity)	Distinguish from closest relatives (exclusivity)				
Selectivity	Inhibition?	Background reaction?				
Repeatability & reproducibility	Method level (transferable skills)	Method level (transferable skills)				



### Expertise



Competences of staff Competences of laboratory

- Safeguard data and experiences (images, slides, literature, test results, sequence data)
- Make knowledge accessible via databases





## Virology: database of bioassay results

	Genus ▼	Diagnose	,T qu	i lok	🔻 qui syst 🔻	bent lok ▼	bent syst ▼	P1 lok ▼	P1 syst ▼
4266025	Orthotospovirus	INSV	+		-	-	-	+	-
3453101	Orthotospovirus	INSV	-		-	+	+	+	-
3453080	Orthotospovirus	INSV	-		-	+	+	+	-
3038637	Orthotospovirus	INSV	-		-	+	+	+	+
4328652	Cucumovirus	CMV	-		-	-	-	-	-
3984754	Cucumovirus	CMV						-	+
3692356	Polerovirus	BWYV	+		-			+	+
3468653	Polerovirus	BWYV	+		-			+	
5628817	Cucumovirus	CMV	+		-	-	+	+	+
3468864	Cucumovirus	CMV				-	-	-	-
3264888	Cucumovirus	CMV	+		-			+	+
4308581	Cucumovirus	CMV	-		-	-	+	-	+
3614761-1	Cucumovirus	CMV	+		-	-	+	-	+
6067708	Cucumovirus	CMV	+		-	-	+	-	+
6934066	Cucumovirus	CMV	+		-	+	-	+	+
4597289	Orthotospovirus	INSV	+		-	+	+	+	+
4452864	Orthotospovirus	INSV	+		-	+	-	+	-



## Nematology: database of nematode and hosts

Gewas	Ned. Naam Gewa ▼	Nematode -	Toelichting
Cymbidium	Orchidee	Pratylenchus scribneri	Zie bij algemeen.
Cyperus	Cypergras	Meloidogyne	
Cytisus	Brem	Meloidogyne hapla	Zie bij algemeen.
Cytisus	Brem	Pratylenchus penetrans	Zie bij algemeen.
Dactylis glomerata	Kropaar	Heterodera bifenestra	Wel waardplant; schaderelatie niet onderzocht. Zie ook bij algemeen.
Dactylis glomerata	Kropaar	Heterodera mani	Wel waardplant; schaderelatie niet onderzocht. Zie ook bij algemeen.
Dactylis glomerata	Kropaar	Meloidogyne naasi	Zie bij algemeen.
Dactylis glomerata	Kropaar	Paratrichodorus teres	Zie bij algemeen.
Dahlia	Dahlia	Aphelenchoides ritzemabosi	Zie bij algemeen.



#### Quality assurance within PhytoFlex scope

#### 1st line control

- positive and negative control at test level
- second morphological identification



#### 2<sup>nd</sup> and/or 3<sup>rd</sup> line control

Not feasible at test level, because of potentially unlimited number of organism-matrix combinations

- Multi-annual assurance plan with annually
  - rotation of supergroups (family, genus)
  - each method (ELISA, PCR)
  - blind samples at process level (non-targeted samples)



## Quality assurance within PhytoFlex scope

	Microbiological test	Morphological test	Diagnostic process	
1st	+/- controls	slide/voucher key	2nd test 2nd specialist	
2nd	blind sample in test	2nd test 2nd specialist blind sample	blind sample throughout process	
3rd	Proficiency test	Proficiency test  Contra  expertise	Proficiency test	





## Documentation of adding organisms (tests) to scope based on risk analysis at process level

titel	Aanvragen aanpassing overzicht organismen onder accreditatie									
code	F-302-000-00	vers	ie 03	ingangsdatum 26-09-2016	pag. 1 van 3					
versie	datum	toelichting								
01	13-05-2015	Verschil met evt. vorige versie kort omschrijven								
02	29-07-2015	Interne audit toegevoegd								
03	26-09-2016	Huidige en nieuwe versie overzicht organismen toegevoegd Akkoord aanvrager toegevoegd Reviewer tekent 1x voor alle onderdelen								
		Teamleider en a	fdeling	shoofd apart vermeld						

Code voor archivering: POSPI 20170424

#### In te vullen door Aanvrager

Vakgebied: Virologie Aanvrager: Ko Verhoeven (VIR) Reviewer: Bart van de Vossenberg (Molbio)



1 Aanpassen scope (goedkeuring RvA vereist) ☐ Nieuwe onderzoeksmethode:

☐ Nieuw organismegroep:

2 Toevoeging aan lijst (goedkeuring RvA niet vereist)

□ Toets(en): PCR RPCR SEQ TO 2-5-17

Organisme(n): naam: Chrysanthemum stunt viroid, Tomato apical stunt viroid,

Tomato planta macho viroid

Noot: Potato spindle tuber viroid en Tomato chlorotic dwarf viroid ziin in aktober 2015 toegevoegd. Deze worden ook op dit formulier toegevoegd, zodat één formulier bij gehauden kan worden voor de organismegroep pospivirolden.

Code(s) voor register: POSPI 20170424 PCR POSPI 20170424 RPCR

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#### Becordeling:

A) Validatiedossier

Verwijzing validatierapport (movanr, sleutel etc.):

Korte motivatie bij validatie door aanvrager:

Bron: NVWA. Zander stempel is dit een angeregistreerde kopie. Een actuele versie is digitaal beschikbaar.

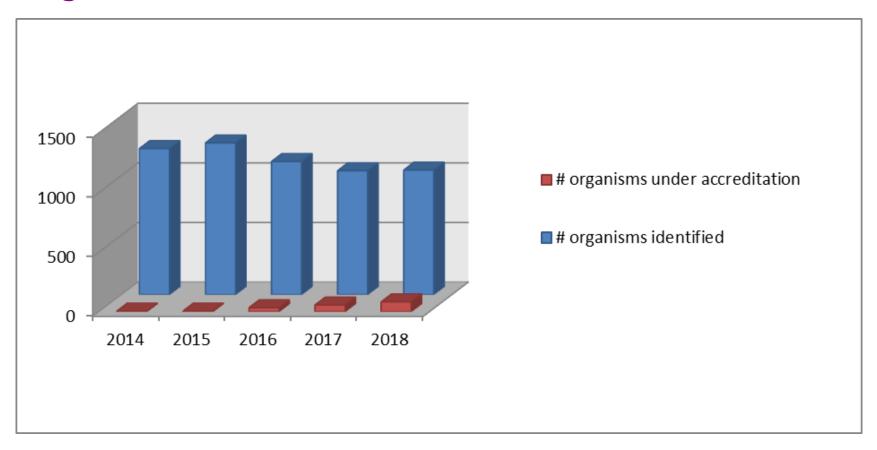


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## Organisms identified at NRC (2014 – 2018)





## The PhytoFlex potentially

- Enables accreditation of unlimited number of organism matrix (host) combinations by risk-based validation supported by expertise and quality assurance
- Fits within risk-based approach of ISO 17025 (2017) expected to be accepted by the Dutch Accreditation Board this year
- Allows meeting the demands of the new phytosanitary rules that apply from 14 December 2019



### Phyto-flex scope: experiences and challenges

- Experiences:
  - Concept is complex understanding difficult
  - Alertness on 'correct use' of tests required
  - Development of concept is ongoing process

#### Challenges

- Validation is still timely
- Lack of reference materials
- Focus further development: 'fit for purpose'