

Satisfactory fulfillment of
National Reporting Obligations (NROs)
in line with IPPC and APPPC requirements

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Why & What

* WHY *

- All countries that signed the Convention are obliged to and are responsible for the implementation of all reporting obligations.
- National Reporting Obligations (NROs), which help Contracting Parties achieve the objectives of the IPPC Convention.
- All reporting obligations have the same legal value and are of equal importance.
- The purpose of the IPPC NROs is not to fulfill the obligations for its own sake.
- *"Rather, fulfilling the obligations is a means to an end"*
- "International cooperation in controlling pests of plants and plant products and in preventing their international spread, and especially their introduction into endangered areas"

* WHY (Continued) *

- Control of pests of plants and plant products as well as prevention of international spread of pests.
- Promotion of the country's **international trade**.
- Safeguarding of food security and protection of environment.
- Establish transparent communication which will facilitate cooperation and coordination between IPPC Contracting Parties;
- Build trust in bilateral relationships between IPPC Contracting Parties over time;
- Provide an indication of an establishment of the NPPO and its effective functioning.

* WHY (Continued) *

Nepal's Agriculture

- Low productivity, inadequate infrastructure and reliance on rain-fed traditional agriculture.
- Net-importer of most of the agriculture goods and lacks competitiveness in global trade market.
- **Inadequate Compliance with international standards**” One of the important factors preventing Nepal from reaching its export potential for agro-products
- Harmonization of standards also limits trade with partner countries.
- In this connection, fulfillment of **“NRO”** could play an instrumental role in promoting exports.

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Top agri-foods/items exported by Nepal

Water, nutmeg, cardamoms, animal fats, vegetables, legumes, and vegetable products, tea, oil cakes, other solid residues, nuts, plants and parts of plants

Top agri-food commodities imported by Nepal

Rice, soybean oil and its fractions, maize, oil cakes and other solid residues, palm oil and its fractions, vegetables and dried legumes, apples, pears, and quinces, other food preparations, raw wool, and nuts.

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Top trading partners

- Nepal is an import-dependent country, especially with its regional neighbors.
- Its top bilateral trading partners in agri products include India, Bangladesh, China, Egypt, Thailand, USA, Vietnam, Singapore, Malaysia, UAE and UK.

* WHY (Continued) *

Key benefits to be gained from fulfillment of NROs

1. Win "the trust" of Nepal's trading partners;
2. Increase "market access" and facilitate "safe international trade";
3. Enable importing countries to more accurately determine "phytosanitary requirements";
4. Decrease number of "interceptions/rejections of non-compliant consignments"; and
5. Avoid phytosanitary disputes & facilitate resolution of non-compliance incidents.

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1. Public NROs (7 must's)

1. Designation of an Official IPPC Contact Point

2. Description of NPPO

3. Phytosanitary requirements, restrictions and prohibitions

4. Lists of entry points

5. List of regulated pests

6. Pest reports

7. Immediately report emergency actions



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National Reporting Obligations

Description of the NPPO

Legislation: Phytosanitary Requirements/Restrictions/Prohibitions

Entry Points

List of Regulated Pests

Pest Reports

Organizational Arrangements of Plant Protection

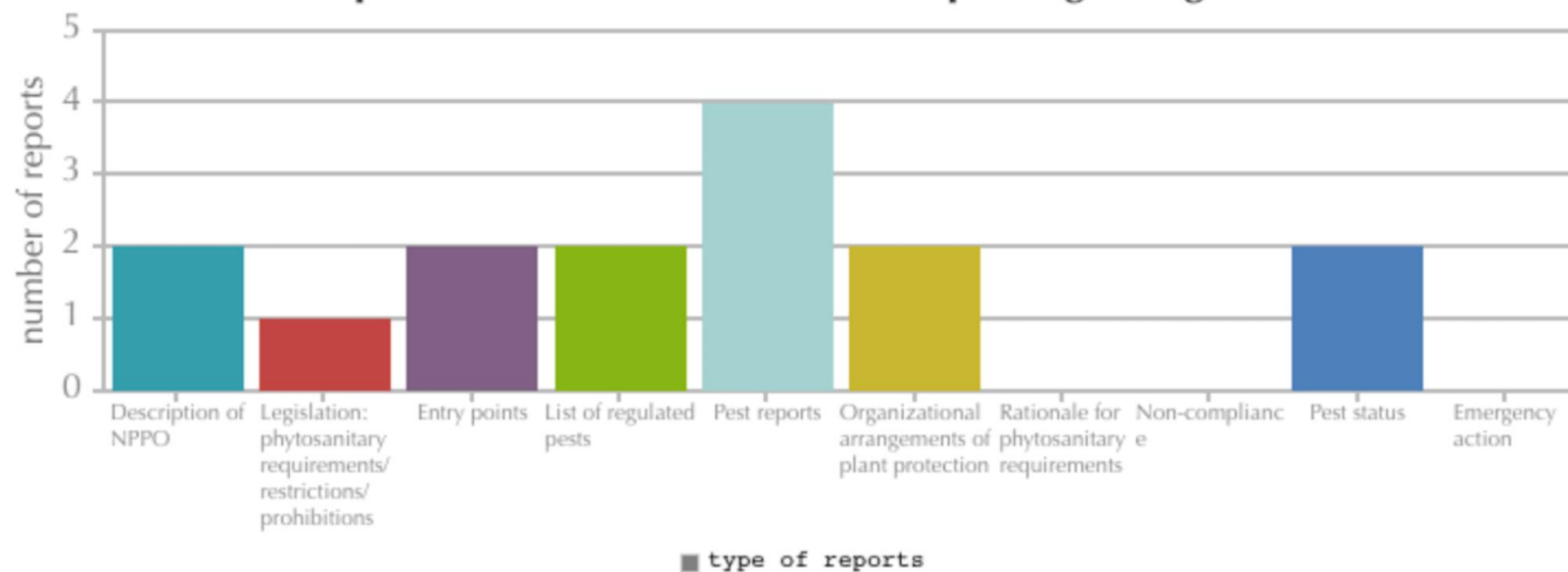
Rationale for Phytosanitary Requirements

Non-compliance

Pest status

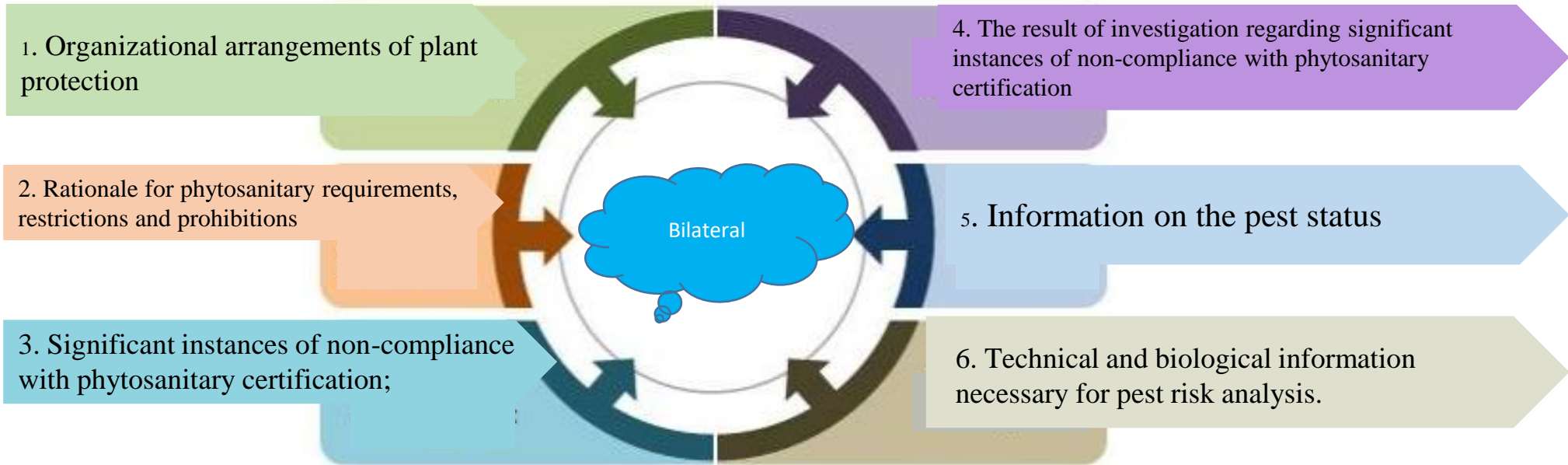
Emergency Actions

Graphical overview of National Reporting Obligations

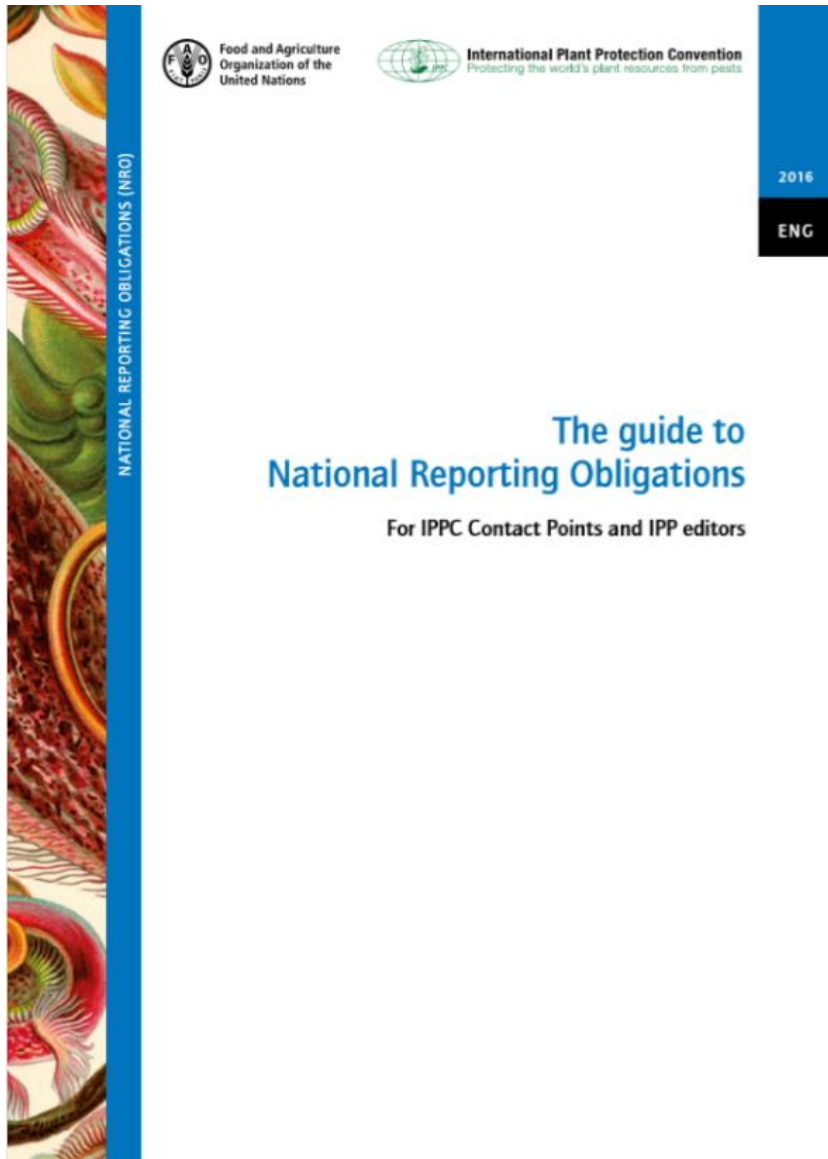


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2. Bilateral NROs



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National Reporting Obligations: Overview

In total there are 13 National Reporting Obligations:

- ◆ Designation of an Official IPPC Contact Point;
- ◆ Description of the NPPO;
- ◆ Phytosanitary requirements, restrictions and prohibitions;
- ◆ List of entry points;
- ◆ List of regulated pests;
- ◆ Pest reports;
- ◆ Organizational arrangements for plant protection;
- ◆ Rationale for phytosanitary requirements, restrictions and prohibitions;
- ◆ Significant instances of non-compliance with phytosanitary certification;
- ◆ The result of investigation regarding significant instances of non-compliance with phytosanitary certification;
- ◆ Information on the pest status;
- ◆ Emergency action;
- ◆ Technical and biological information necessary for pest risk analysis.

NROs by a method of reporting

As regards a method of their communication there are seven public NROs which should be reported via the International Phytosanitary Portal (IPP – <https://www.ippc.int>):

- ◆ Designation of an Official IPPC Contact Point;
- ◆ Description of the NPPO;
- ◆ Phytosanitary requirements, restrictions and prohibitions;
- ◆ List of entry points;
- ◆ List of regulated pests;
- ◆ Pest reports;
- ◆ Emergency action.

There are also six bilateral National Reporting Obligations which should be communicated directly between Contracting Parties:

- ◆ Organizational arrangements for plant protection;
- ◆ Rationale for phytosanitary requirements, restrictions and prohibitions;
- ◆ Significant instances of non-compliance with phytosanitary certification;
- ◆ The result of investigation regarding significant instances of non-compliance with phytosanitary certification;
- ◆ Information on the pest status;

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NROs e-learning course



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About the e-learning

This e-learning is intended mainly for Official Contact Points of the International Plant Protection Convention contracting parties and their International Phytosanitary Portal (IPP) editors. It is also recommended for other phytosanitary specialists involved in reporting at national level.

There are 5 lessons, the lessons contain interactive activities and/or step-by-step instructions that help explain the National Reporting Obligations (NROs), along with additional background and links to important resources.

Lesson 1	Getting to know the National Reporting Obligations (NROs) Quiz for Lesson 1
Lesson 2	Designating an IPPC Official Contact Point Quiz for Lesson 2
Lesson 3	Pest reporting – principles Quiz for Lesson 3
Lesson 4	Pest reporting – practice Quiz for Lesson 4
Lesson 5	Establishing lists of regulated pests Quiz for Lesson 5

Certificate of achievement To receive a certificate of achievement you need to complete all 5 quizzes after each lesson and obtain a grade of at least 60% in each quiz.

Lesson 1 - Getting to know the National Reporting Obligations (NROs)

This lesson is about **Getting to know the Reporting Obligations (NROs)**

The lesson contains interactive activities and/or step-by-step instructions that help explain the National Obligations (NROs), along with additional background and links to important resources.

At the end of the lesson, you can take a quiz on it to test your knowledge.

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Name:XX

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International Plant Protection Convention e-learning on
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Final course grade: 93%

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Quality of information

Information to be collected and reported must be:

- a) Accurate;
- b) Up-to-date;
- c) Clearly presented;
- d) Consistent with the IPPC guidance; and
- e) Available in a easily accessible & understandable format.

FAQs and Guidance links

- NRO Guide: <https://www.ippc.int/en/publications/80405/>
- Pest report bulletin: <https://www.ippc.int/en/countries/reportingsystem-summary/all/>
- Factsheets on each NRO: <https://www.ippc.int/en/core-activities/information-exchange/nro/>
- [Tables \(lists on NROs\)](#)
- [NROs UPDATE \(educational newsletter\)](#)
- Statistics (summaries for CPMs and [IPP live statistics](#))
- [Reports lists](#)

National Reporting Obligations (NROs)

APPPC requirements

- Uploading Nepal's plant protection information under 5 sections on the APPPC website (www.apppc.org)
 - Section 1: Plant Protection,
 - Section 2: Plant Quarantine,
 - Section 3: Pest surveillance and outbreaks,
 - Section 4: Pest management, and
 - Section 5: Pesticide management.
- Present a plant protection country report at the biennium session of the APPPC