



Canadian Food
Inspection Agency

Agence canadienne
d'inspection des aliments

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Our vision:

To excel as a science-based regulator, trusted and respected by Canadians and the international community.

Our mission:

Dedicated to safeguarding food, animals and plants, which enhances the health and well-being of Canada's people, environment and economy.

E-Certification

*International status of E-Cert
in the
phytosanitary world*

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Background

Recent Events

- IPPC Expert Working Group (EWG) – Fish Camp California in February 2008
- ISPM 12 and ISPM 7

Participants:

- Argentina, Brazil, Canada, Germany, Japan, Korea, Mexico, Netherlands, New Zealand, Philippines, South Africa and USA

Objectives

- Revise/refresh ISPM's to avoid duplication and improve clarity to standards
- Introduce language for E-Certification

Important discussion and consensus

Basic understanding that:

- E-Certification data equivalent to a phytosanitary certificate
- Recognition that data would not be in certificate form but data requirements would be exactly what is currently within the standard

Principles

- Data to be “official” from NPPO – certification authority
- Digitally authorized “signature”, is equivalent to individual signature by inspector – validation by NPPO
 - Not electronic pen
- Backed up by normal inspection, testing and certification procedures



Outcomes and next steps

- EWG agreed and include supplement to ISPM 12 with XML scheme
- Basis for universal application
- Technical mapping -work in progress
- Complete mapping and integrate into revised draft standard for consultation



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