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Status Check: RBS at Plant Inspection Stations

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Overview

- History
- Rollout
- Reality check
- Keys to success
- Program consideration

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Plant Inspection Station History

Prior to 2010

Country - commodity discussions

Challenges with data

Challenges with monitoring

Collaboration of 2010

1) Possible release program
   - Propagative Material Release Program
   - Limiting and restrictive

2) Begin strategy for sampling program
   - Statistically robust
   - Operationally feasible
   - Establish baseline
   - Meet the goals of the Strategic Plan

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PIS Strategic Plan

Goal 1: Ensure plant inspection stations have the infrastructure and resources to clear shipments effectively in light of the increased volume and complexity of trade.

Objective 1.1: Understand the current and projected workload, the business trends, and the impact of proposed regulatory changes and other initiatives on the plant inspection station infrastructure and resources.

Objective 1.3: Establish a strategic approach for conducting plant inspection station activities and managing the workload.

Goal 4: Ensure the plant inspection stations use data resources and information for identifying and inspecting the highest-risk material and pathways.

Objective 4.1: Collaborate with appropriate groups to develop the capacity within the plant inspection station system to gather and analyze information to determine risk and set inspectional priorities.

4.2.5. Establish and use a standardized analytical framework for determining risk to set inspectional priorities (high risk materials and/or pathways):

- Determine what is coming in (genus, species, and cultivar) and the pathway (how entering);
- Determine where the material/shipment is coming from (true country of origin, transit country and place of production);

Rollout to Plant Inspection Stations

- Staggered roll out in Fiscal Year 2014
- All locations implemented by Oct. 1, 2015
- Statistic sampling throughout container
- Inspection of the samples pulled

Definitions

Inspectional unit:

"The single lowest, readily- distinguishable taxon, cultivar, or variety that is clearly defined as being from one source (from the same farm or grower) and in similar condition (e.g., air layer (AL), bare root (BR), callus cutting (CC), rooted cutting (RC), unrooted cutting (URC), etc.) on the invoice, packing list, or phytosanitary certificate."

Definitions

Sample Unit:

"The smallest, **most convenient** element of an inspectional unit available for selection during the sampling process (e.g., bag, box, bundle)."

Plant Unit:

"The smallest unit in the inspectional unit (e.g., cutting, plant, stem)."

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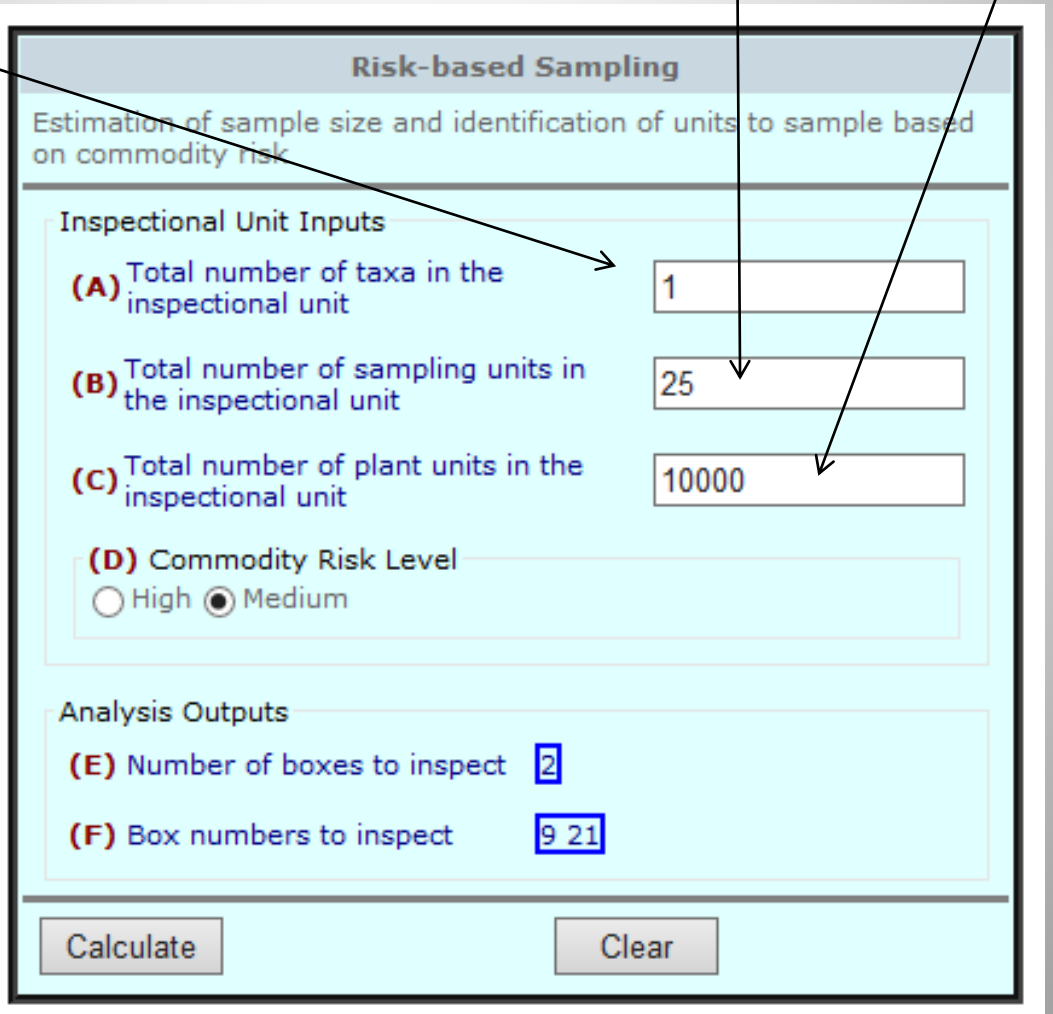
Item Description	Code/Codigo	Boxes/Cajas	Piezas/Unidades
Croton Petra URC 8”	213-237	25	10,000



Reality Check: RBS in the Real World

- Cargo makeup: Singling, Mingling & Commingling
- Sample unit: Distribution & Versatility
- RBS tool: The tool can be cool
- Handling hang-ups: Flexibility & Feasibility

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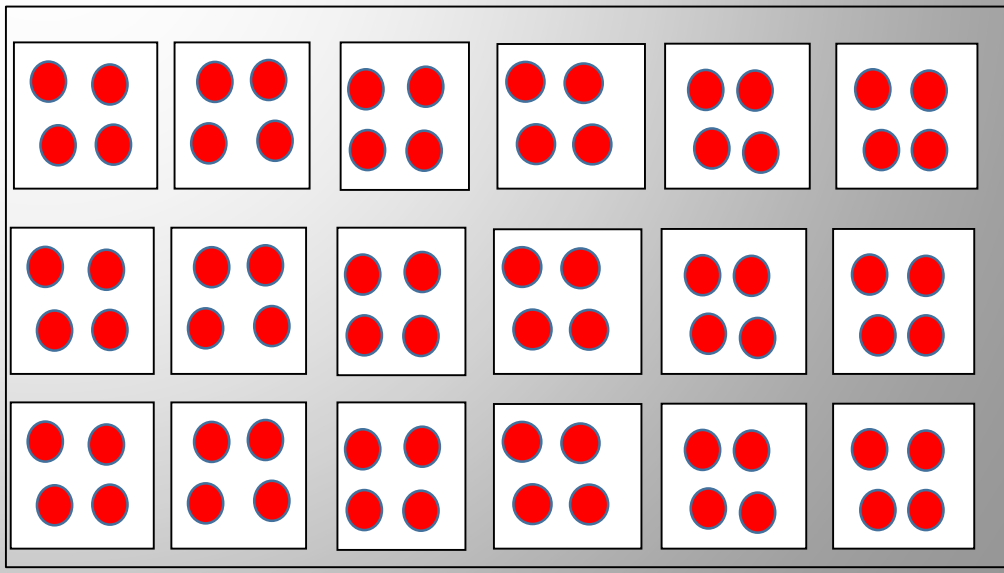
Cargo Makeup: Singling (not commingled)

Entire shipment made of all one single taxa

Boxes, bundles, baggies:

Straight forward sampling based on units



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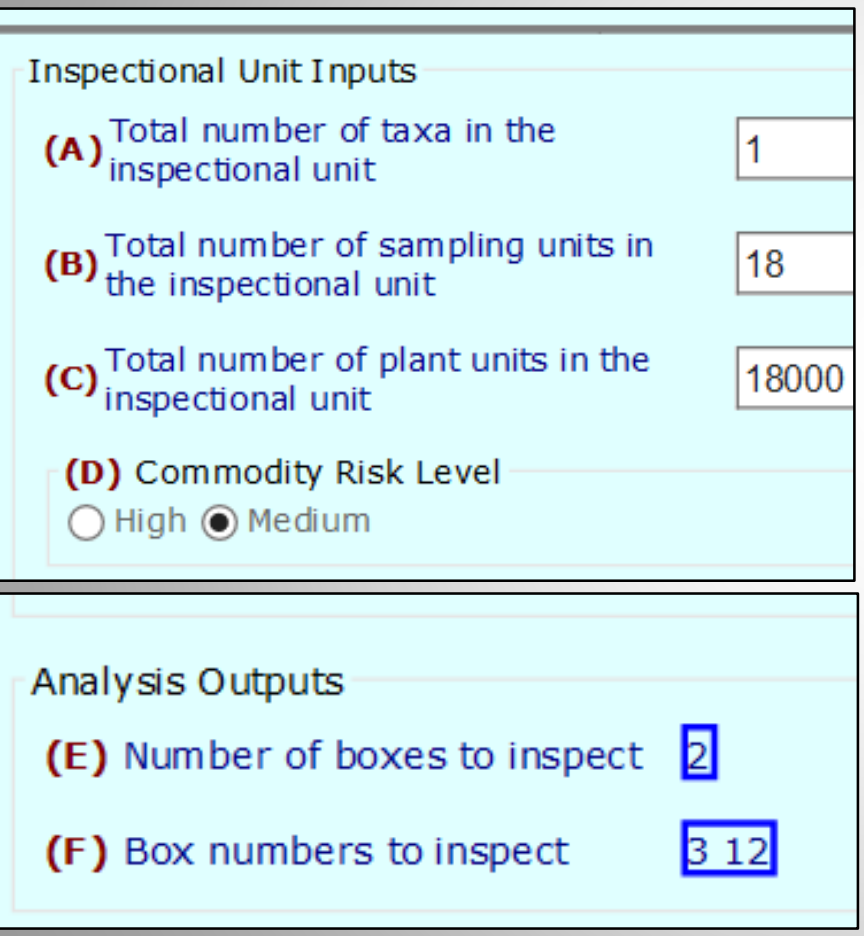
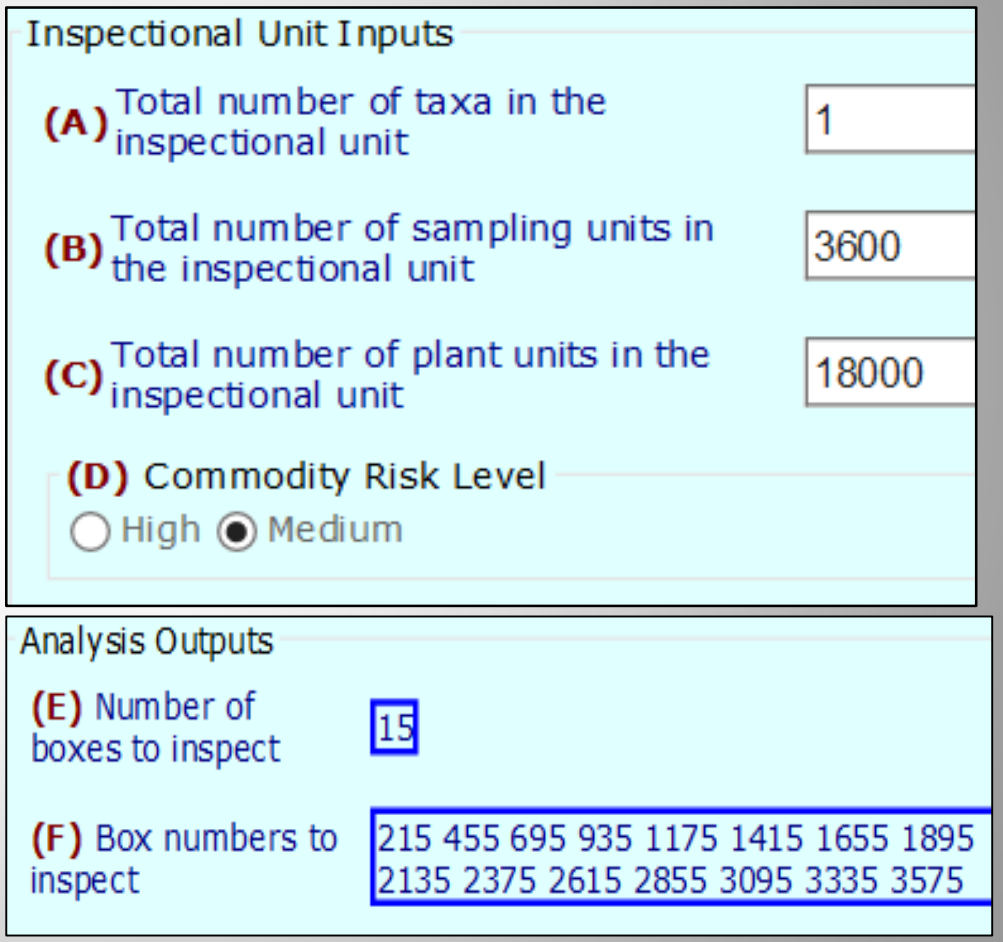
Boxes: (1000 per box, 18 boxes)



Inspected 2000 plants

Less distribution

Baggies: (200 baggies per box; 3600 total baggies w/5 plants each)



Inspected 75 plants

Better distribution

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Cargo Makeup: Singling (not commingled)

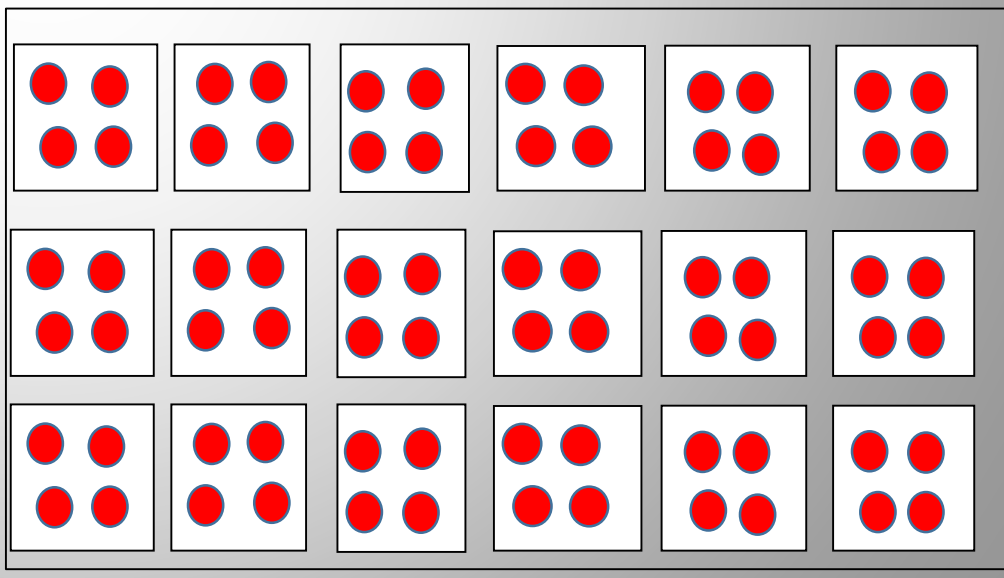
Entire shipment made of all one single taxa

Towers; shelves; plant units

Flexibility; Feasibility

Bulk; crates; nets; loaded

Distribution; Versatility



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Bulk option: use plant unit as sample unit

Inspectional Unit Inputs

(A)	Total number of taxa in the inspectional unit	1
(B)	Total number of sampling units in the inspectional unit	18000
(C)	Total number of plant units in the inspectional unit	18000

Inspected 74 plants
Better distribution

1917 2160 2403
4104 4347 4590
6291 6534 6777
8478 8721 8964
22 10665 10908
12366 12609
14067 14310
15768 16011
17469 17712

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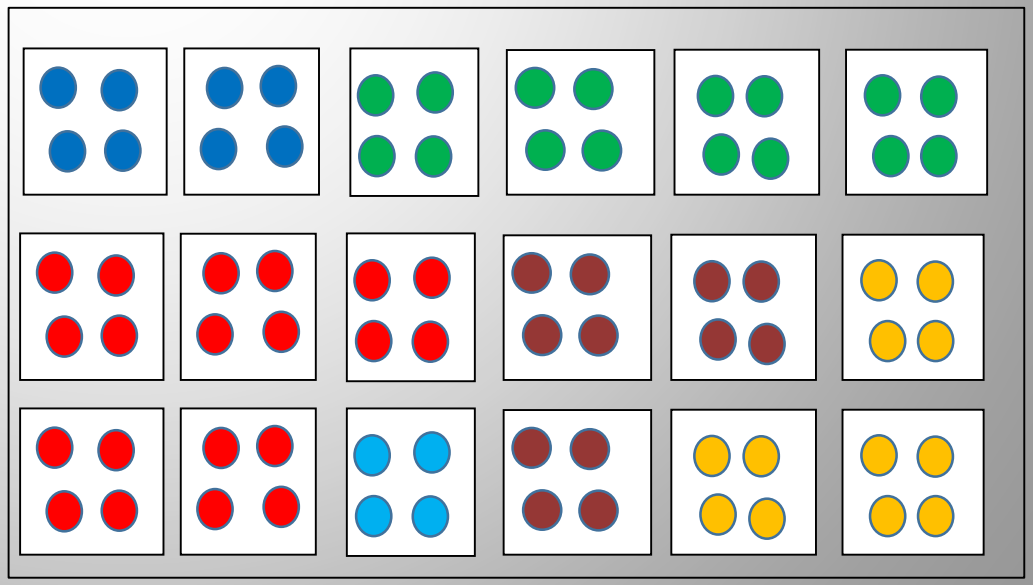
Cargo Makeup: Mingling

Shipment of many different taxa, all separated by inspectional unit

Run each taxa

Run as commingled

** Consider the sample unit



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Mingled shipment options:

TAXA	# Boxes	# Plant Units	Tool Output per Taxa		
			By box	By baggies	By plant unit
	2	2000	1 box	15	73
	4	4000	1 box	15	73
	5	5000	2 boxes	15	73
	1	1000	1 box	15	71
	3	3000	1 box	15	73
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Totals:	**18**	**18000**	**7 boxes** (7000 plants)	**90 bags** (450 plants)	**436 plants**
Tool output if ran as whole commingled shipment			**Boxes: 6** (6000 plants) **Baggies: 92** (460 plants)		

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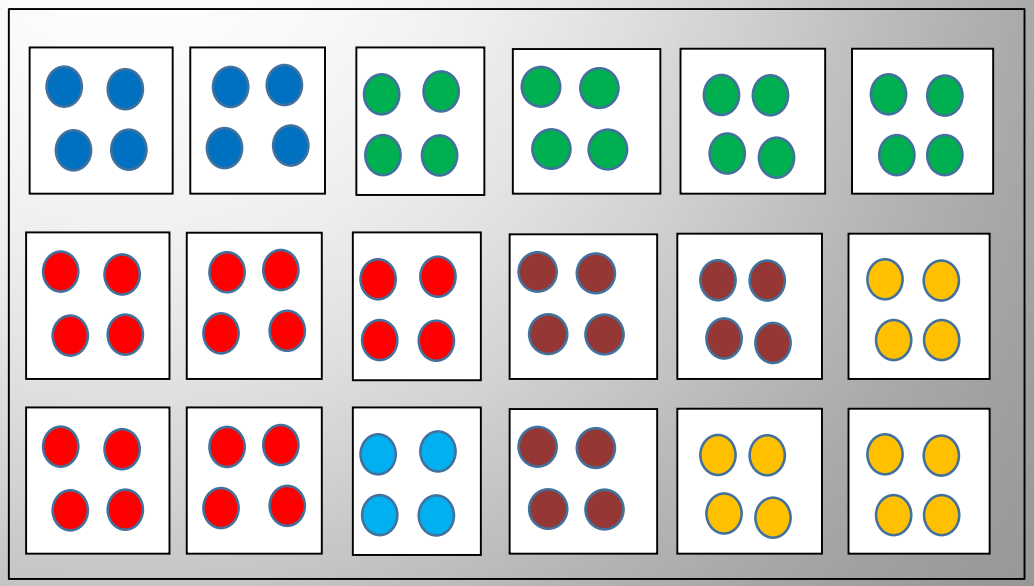
Cargo Makeup: Mingling

Considerations of mingling by each taxa:

- *Risk level sets intensity*
- *Inspection workload can adjust by taxa*

Shipments not likely to be an reduced frequency

- *Everything considered at same risk level*
- ***Quarantine pest may impact whole shipment*



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Cargo Makeup: Commingling

Shipment of many different taxa, all mixed together

** Quarantine pest may impact whole shipment

Risk-based Sampling

Estimation of sample size and identification of units to sample based on commodity risk

Inspectional Unit Inputs

(A) Total number of taxa in the inspectional unit: 6

(B) Total number of sampling units in the inspectional unit: 18

(C) Total number of plant units in the inspectional unit: 18000

(D) Commodity Risk Level

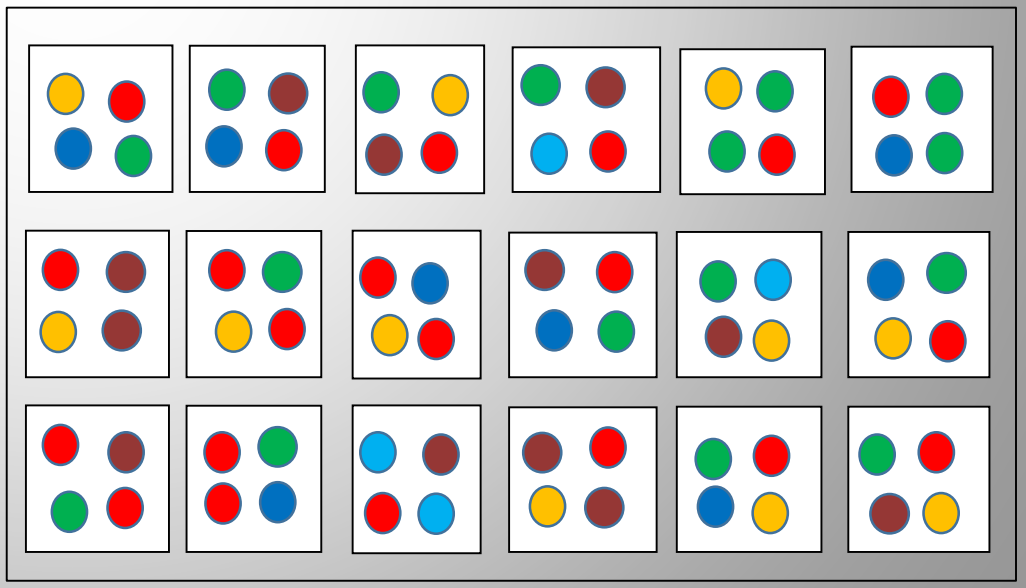
○ High ◉ Medium

Analysis Outputs

(E) Number of boxes to inspect: 6

(F) Box numbers to inspect: 2 5 8 11 14 17

Calculate | Clear



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Keys to success: implementation & adjustment

Respect highly trained workforce
- Dedicated to PPQ Mission
- PIS guiding principles

Reinforce the knowledge; acknowle
- Data reinforcement of what they kn
- Providing analysis information & fee

Flexibility
- Provides ability for officers to handle unique cargo situations
- Consider they wide variety of cargo volumes and make-up

Collaboration
- Working with each location to handle specific situations
- Use their feedback to adjust; or provide responses on why not

Program considerations moving forward

Data make-up

- 2014 staggered implementation; limited by database
- 2015 full implementation; limited by database
- 2016 new database; staggered implementation
- 2017 new database; fully implemented

Program considerations moving forward

Vision

- Continue to work with analyst to review data
- Evaluate proposed adjustments for feasibility
- Engage with analysts to look at potential options
  - Country-Commodity
  - Country-Propagative Type
  - Country-Commodity-Propagative Type
- Facilitate successful rollout of changes to employees
- Strive to meet the goals of the Strategic Plan

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