

E-Phyto Update

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Why ePhyto?

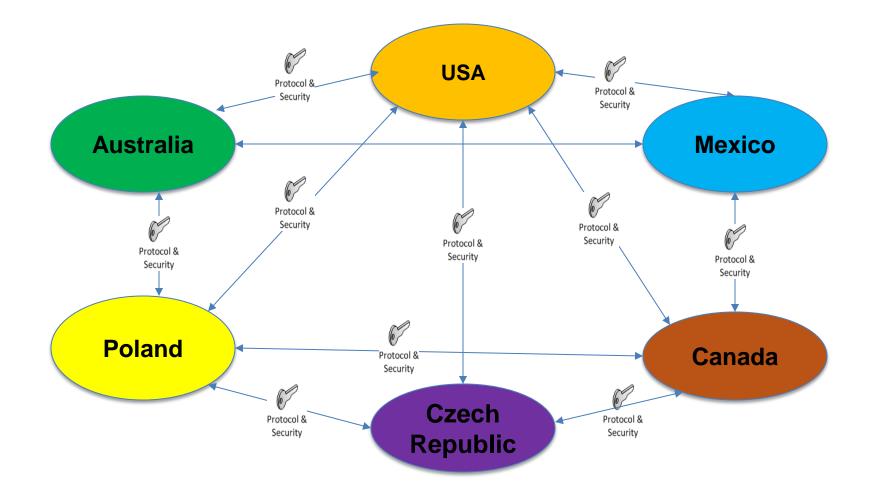
- Provide Credibility, integrity, security, and reduce fraud
- Expedite and facilitate trade
- Reduce costs
- International standardization ensures consistent data interpretation and conformance

IPPC ePhyto Update

- CPM10
 - Continued support for Steering Group
 - Supported recommendation of Hub and Generic System
- STDF Proposal
- IPPC eCert Steering Group
 - Met twice this year
 - Monthly conference calls
 - Email exchanges
 - Developed business rule and requirements for Hub
- November 2015 Symposium on eCert
 - Finalize hub and generic system
 - Continue harmonization discussions
 - **Side groups to focus on certain issues
 - Industry participants and viewpoint

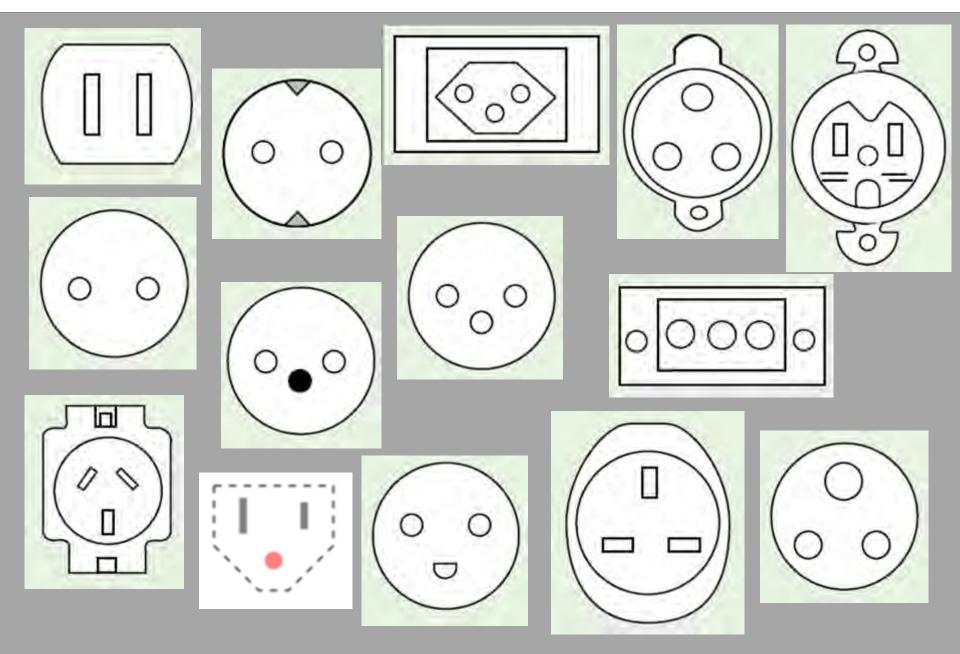


ePhyto via Bi-Lateral Agreement





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Issues with this approach:

Systems available

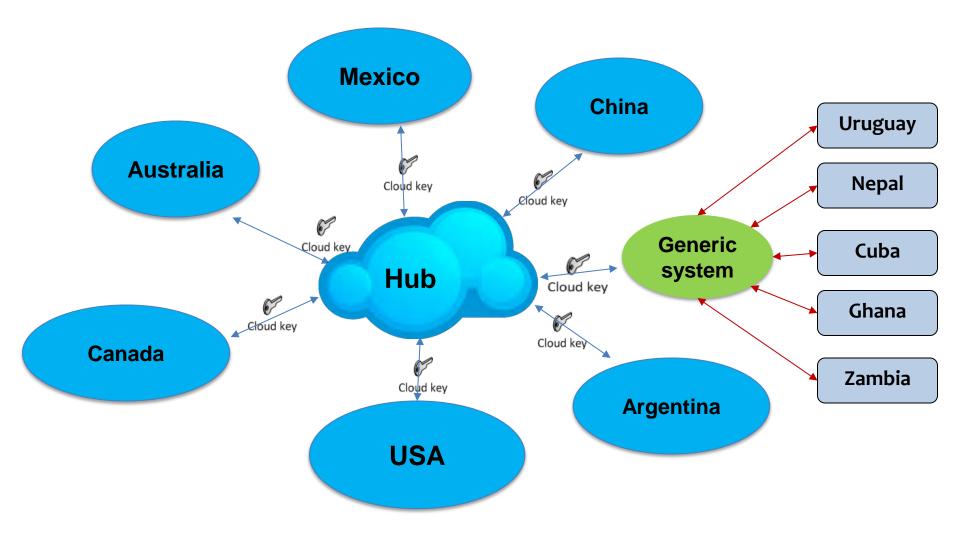
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- Bilateral arrangement
 - Format and content:
 - Schema
 - Mapping
 - Codes and terms
 - Exchange mechanism
 - Transmission
 - Security
 - Authentication

= COST/TIME



ePhyto via the HUB*



Why use this approach:

- No bilateral needs to participate
- Developing countries can participate
- Faster to implement
- Lower costs to implement and maintain

Current Status:

- STDF preliminary approval for \$1 million to develop Hub and Generic System
- Request was for \$1.3 million, so other 300K needs to be funded to get the STDF funding
- Discussions with UN-ICC are ongoing
- Optimistically hoping to pilot by mid-2016
 - Readiness survey to trading partners (PLEASE COMPLETE)



Paperless?

- In the short term, paper certificates still accompany shipments
- Paper certificates are used for more than phytosanitary certification i.e. letters of credit, etc.
- Multiple shipments cannot be differentiated at the port of arrival i.e. no unique identifier
- Key is not to disrupt TRADE.
- At a minimum, copies should always be available to industry
- Based on recent discussions with industry, countries are encouraged to provide an external validation mechanism (bar code, entry screen, etc)

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