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Organization of PPS

The context

- Phytosanitary matters are international affairs: guarantees to other countries must be given; therefore organisation, work procedures, terminology, etc must be adapted to international context:
  - WTO-SPS, IPPC (ISPMs), CBD
- As EU member state: special attention to EU context:
  - 2000/29/EC

- National context: several autonomous organisations involved in phytosanitary procedures
Organisation of PPS Bodies

- **(1 – central authority)** Phytosanitary Administration of RS, which is the body of MAFF
- **(2 inspection services)** Inspectorate of RS for Agriculture, Forestry and Food, which is the body of MAFF
- **(5 laboratories)** Public institutions authorised and contracted by Administration to supply diagnostic and other scientific and technical work
- **(2 certification bodies)** Public institutions authorised by Administration for plant health checks and plant passports
Lacks of scattered organisation are managed by definitions of procedures in:

- Legislation
- FITO Information System
- Quality assurance system (inspection manual, written standard operation procedures, forms....)

**Functional structure:**

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Administration for Plant Protection and Seeds
Central Authority

ADMINISTRATION
Phytosan. insp.
Forestry insp.

INSPECTION
Certification bodies

LABORATORIES
Authorised persons
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Management of PPS

Legislation

National legislation:
- Plant Health Act (ZZVR-1 OJ 45/01; based on 2000/29/EC)
- Statute of the ARSPPS
- Job descriptions
- Decision of the director on management team

International legislation:
- EC directives
- International plant protection convention & standards
- European plant protection organisation convention & standards
- WTO-SPS (Sanitary and phytosanitary agreement)
Phytosanitary administration

• The body of the Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Food (MAFF) and set up on 1.8.2001 by transfer and merging the departments and services of MAFF;

• Competent authority in the phytosanitary sector in general terms (plant health, agricultural seed and planting material, plant varieties rights, plant protection products and pesticide residues (partly));

• Responsible for legislation, administrative matters, coordination, control, international affairs, exchange of information, reporting and contact point with EU Commission in the field of work.
Financial resources

- 100 % from state budget

- Amount of funds is designated every year.

- PARS ensures from the budget also funds for diagnostics and technical work provided by authorised laboratories (labs analysis for monitoring and survey programmes /harmful organisms, pesticide residues/).
PPS Functioning
Phytosanitary actions

- Formalised cooperation among involved Slovenian organisations
  - no competition
  - adoption of responsibilities by involved organisations
  - several tasks listed in Plant Health Act delegated to other institutes

- Priority given to efficient procedures for phytosanitary actions:
  - action triggered immediately upon suspicion,
  - fast grip on total scope of outbreak (all related infestations in area or production chain)
  - effective control of outbreaks
  - satisfactory reporting to national and international parties
Phytosanitary action

(ISPM 5: ICPM, 2001)

Any official operation such as:

- inspection,
- testing,
- surveillance or
- treatment,

- undertaken to implement phytosanitary regulations or phytosanitary procedures

in relation to consignments, regulated articles, places of production, areas or where otherwise justified.
Main process of a Phytosanitary action

Phytosanitary inspection

Sampling & Submitting samples

Diagnosis

Decision on phytosanitary action

Notification

Reporting
Training system

- Organisation and co-ordination
  - By each organisation, annual plans and programmes;
  - General trainings for public sector and specific for the field of work;
  - National level, EU programmes, international level

- Budget available
  - National level: state budget
  - EU programmes (PHARE, TAIEX)

- Training facilities and trainers
  - Internal trainings – on the job (instructions, advising);
  - External trainings - off the job (seminars, workshops, study tours, projects, lectures).
Conclusions

Each party (PARS, INSP, LAB)

- Quality Management
- Uniformed information in all documents:
  - SOP-Phytosanitary actions, Work instructions, and other technical documentation
  - Forms, Pest Records, process test records, training records, and other quality records
CAF – Common Assessment Framework

ADMINISTRATION RS FOR PLANT PROTECTION AND SEEDS
ISO 9001

ENTOMOLGY LABS
PHYTOPATH. LAB
(BF, NG, FORESTRY)
MAFF rules/ISO 9001

NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF BIOLOGY
ISO 17025

HOP RESEARCH INSTITUTE
MAFF rules/ISO 9001

AGRICULTURAL INSTITUTE SLOVENIA
ISO 17025

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LABORATORIES

INSPECTION

View to the future