

# REGULATORY EXPORT REQUIREMENTS FOR PLANTS AND OTHER PLANT PRODUCTS TO TARGET MARKETS FOCUSSED ON COTTON



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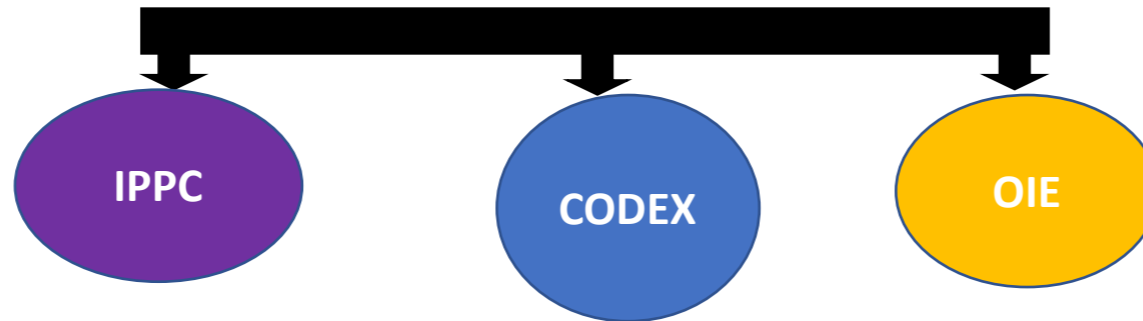
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# Introduction

South Africa (SA) is a signatory member of various international agreements: **World Trade Organization Agreement on the Application of Sanitary & Phytosanitary Measures (WTO- SPS)**

- Sets out the basic rules for global agricultural trade
- Subscribes to the principle of equal market access and international co-operation in protecting human, animal and plant health
- Recognizes 3 standards setting bodies:



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# Introduction Continues



SA also a member of International Plant Protection Convention (IPPC)

➤ **IPPC aims to:**

- Secure common and effective action to prevent the spread and introduction of pests of plants and plant products, and other regulated articles.
- Promote appropriate measures for their control.
- Obligates members to have a National Plant Protection Organization (NPPO).

➤ **The National Plant Protection Organization of South Africa (NPPOZA) consists of:**

- Directorate: Plant Health (policy).
- Directorate: Inspection Services (operational).
- Directorate: Food Import and Export Standard (awareness and promotion).



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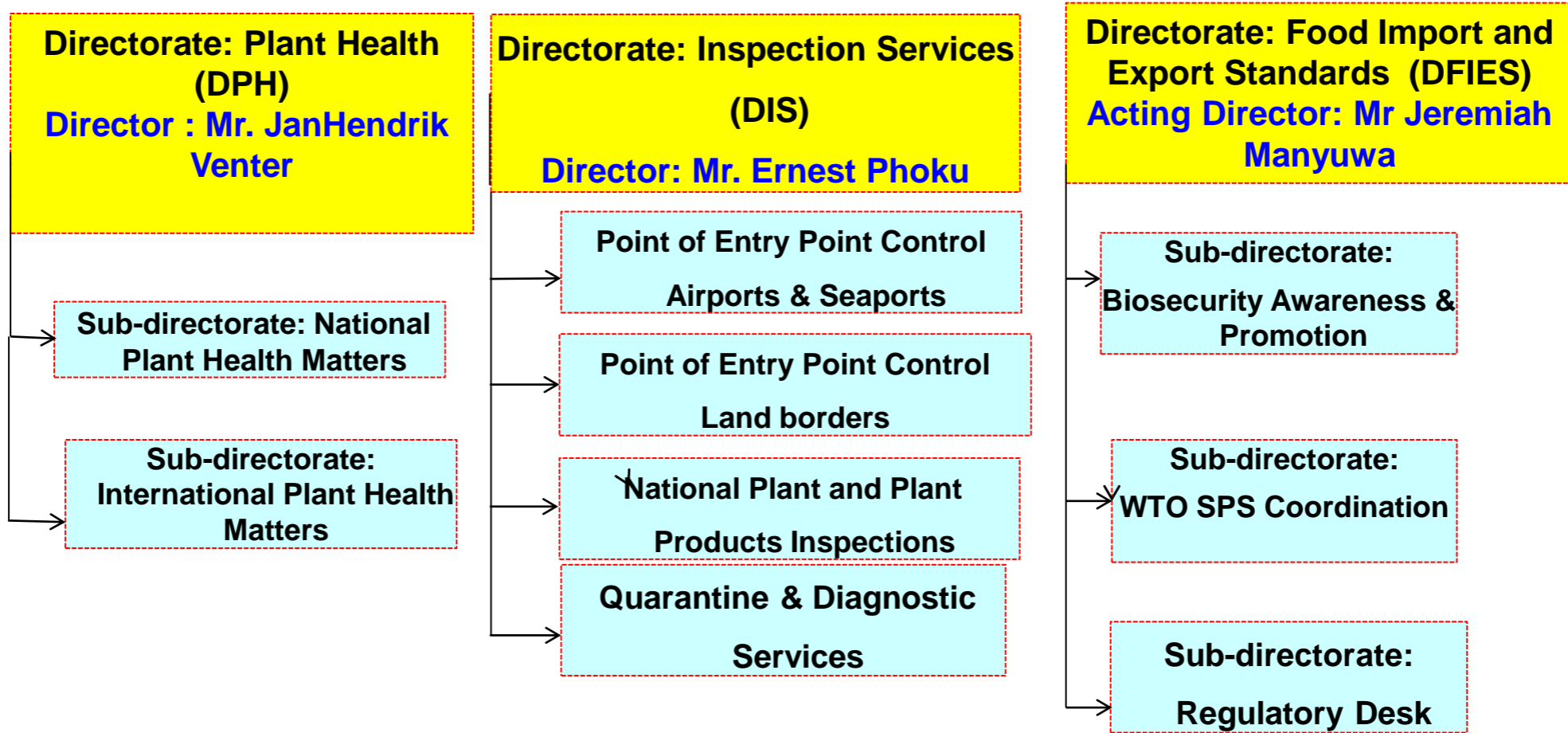


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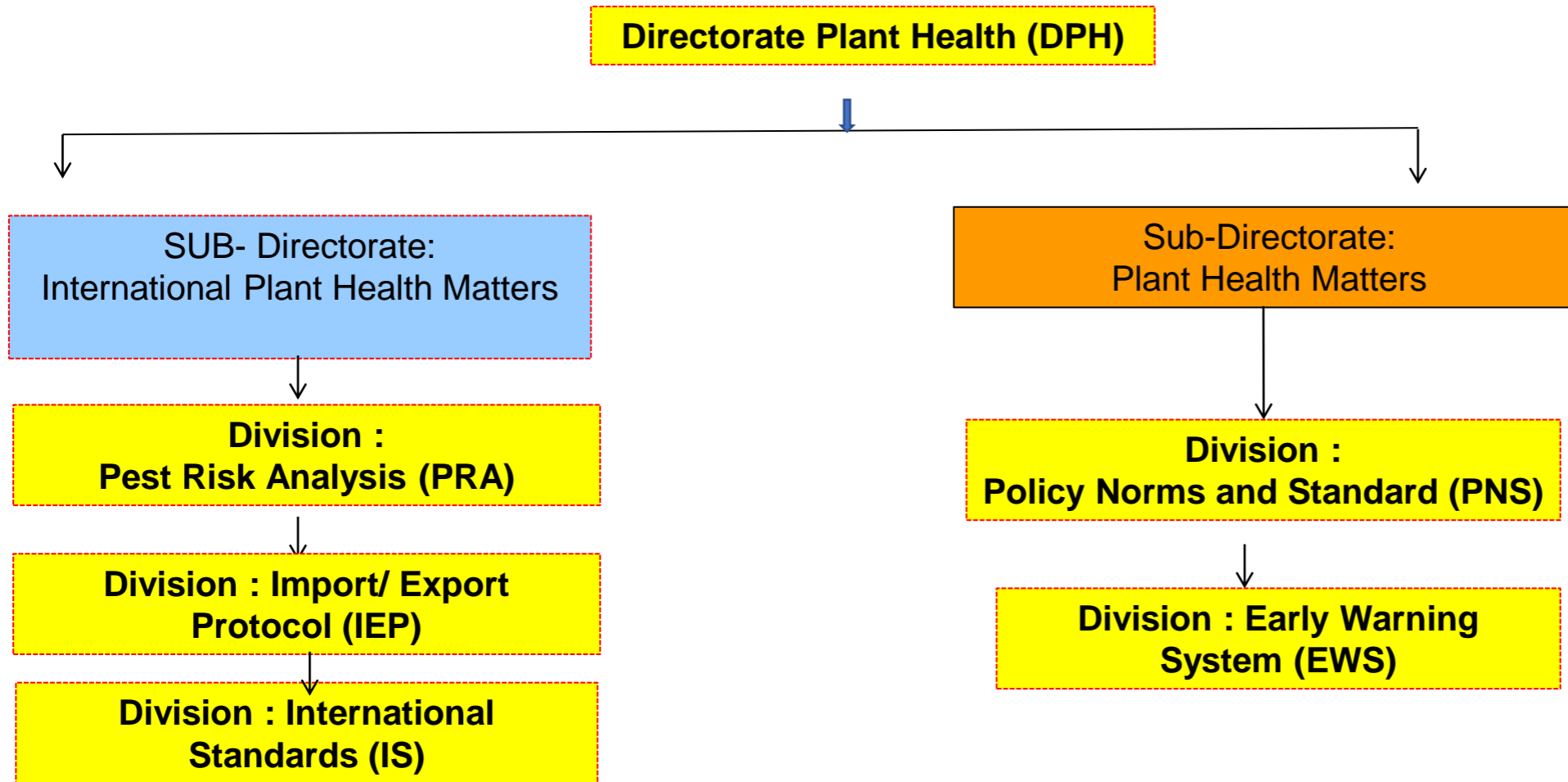
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# National Plant Protection Organization of South Africa (NPPOZA)



# NPPOZA Continues



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**DPH ensures compliance with international plant health obligations and responsibilities in the interests of safe trade by:**

- **Providing a national plant health contact point for SA;**
- **Managing bi-lateral and multi-lateral plant health agreements and standards;**
- **Managing plant health import/ export programmes and protocols;**
- **Conducting policy audits to ensure that pest management is in compliance with plant health export measures and standards;**
- **Managing information in support of pest risk analysis and phytosanitary import and export requirements.**



# Market Access Initiation

- Industry/client identifies the market and send an official request to DPH;
- DPH receives the information, evaluates and send an official letter to the trading partners to request the market access;
- The trading partners will send the pest information questionnaire (PIQ) for completion of relevant information;
- Industry will compile the pest information package (PIP) based on the PIQ and send to DPH for further communication with the trading partners;
- DPH evaluate the PIP, finalize and send to the trading partners;
- The trading partners will conduct pest risk analysis and request the exporting country (SA) to provide the risk management measures for the identified quarantine pests of concern;
- The DPH (in consultation with relevant industry including researchers and universities) will exchange the technical information on risk management measures with the trading partner;
- **NOTE:** many trading partners like USA, China, Japan etc. they work on one commodity at a time depending on the priority list agreed upon between the two countries;





## Market Access Initiation Continues

- Upon finalization of the import requirements, the trading partners might require to visit the facilities intended to participate in the export programme from SA;
- All expenses of the visits are paid by the country of export (note that industries pay);
- Once the agreements is reached by both countries' parties, the protocol will be signed by both ministers/presidents of the trading countries depending on the agreements;
- The trading partners might require that the facilities be registered with the unique code for traceability to monitor compliances;
- The trading partners might also require that the registered facilities be inspected by the relevant authority in the trading countries and the list be sent to the trading partners for approval before the export commences;
- All the procedures regarding the draft of registration documents for registration of the facilities are summarized in the agreed protocols;
- Workshops are organized with relevant industries and DALRRD's role players to discuss all the export programme requirements (systems approach from production until shipments including, registrations, inspections, tariffs payments etc) before the start of each season where applicable to ensure the compliances.



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# Current Existing Protocol/Directive Markets

These are regular international markets that require a specific systems approach concerning pest risk mitigation options and logistics involved in managing the programme as stipulated in a bilaterally agreed protocol or work plan programme/ directive, and import permit to ensure compliance as an example:

- Citrus: EU, Japan, South Korea, China, Iran, USA, Thailand & Philippines;
- Table Grapes: EU, Israel, China, Iran, USA, Vietnam & Thailand;
- Apples & Pears: USA, Taiwan, EU, Mexico & Kenya (Permit market);
- Litchi: USA (irradiation in USA);
- Stone fruit: EU & USA;
- Persimmons: EU, Israel & USA;
- Mango: India & EU;
- Maize, Lucerne & Soyabean: China;
- Iran: Permit market;
- Chilies & Brinjals: EU.

Website link to access the current export protocols/registration documents for commodities is as follows:

[www.dalrrd.gov.za](http://www.dalrrd.gov.za), Programmes, Branches, Agricultural Production, Health and Food Safety, Plant Health, Exporting from SA, Special export programmes/Protocols/ examples of phytosanitary registration



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## Current Markets Under Negotiations (Some)

- Avocado & Mango: USA, China & Japan;
- Corn seed, Vegetables, Pomegranates, Figs & Kumquats: USA;
- Apples, Pears & Stone fruits: Thailand & South Korea,
- Blueberries: South Korea, Taiwan, Japan, China, Israel & Philippines;
- Table Grapes: Philippines & South Korea;
- Plums : Israel;
- Cotton: China.



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# Market Access Maintenance

## Relies on:

- **Technically justified measures (application);**
- **Compliances to bilaterally agreed import requirements/protocols/directives ;**
- **A record of credibility i.e., the ability to comply with requirements & provide reliable information;**
- **Effective monitoring of all program activities by DPH, DIS and or authorized designee: Perishable Products Export Control Board (PPECB).**



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## SA's Strength to Deal with Phytosanitary Matters

- **Reliable scientific information of commodity pests and diseases;**
- **Good cooperation with various industries, provinces, universities, research institutes and different trading partners;**
- **Good quality products.**



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## Challenges (Relating to International Trade)

- **Inconsistency regarding communication from trading partners;**
- **Lack of information on import requirements of trade partner;**
- **Reciprocity;**
- **Approval of facilities used for mitigation of quarantine pests of concerns (e.g. Irradiation facilities);**
- **Lack of research done to mitigate the risk of listed quarantine pests by the trading partners.**



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# Conclusion

COOPERATION OF ALL RELEVANT ROLEPLAYERS IS THE KEY TO SUCCESSFUL EXPORT AND MAINTENANCE



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# Thank you

## Any Question?



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