

INTERNATIONAL PLANT PROTECTION CONVENTION

PREAMBLE

The contracting Governments, recognizing the usefulness of international co-operation in controlling pests and diseases of plants and plant products and in preventing their introduction and spread across national boundaries, and desiring to ensure close co-ordination of measures directed to these ends, have agreed as follows:

ARTICLE I

Purpose and Responsibility

1. With the purpose of securing common and effective action to prevent the introduction and spread of pests and diseases of plants and plant products and to promote measures for their control, the contracting Governments undertake to adopt the legislative, technical and administrative measures specified in this Convention and in supplementary agreements pursuant to Article III.
2. Each contracting Government shall assume responsibility for the fulfillment within its territories of all requirements under this Convention.

ARTICLE II

Scope

1. For the purposes of this Convention the term "plants" shall comprise living plants and parts thereof, including seeds in so far as the supervision of their importation under Article VI of the Convention or the issue of phytosanitary certificates in respect of them under Articles IV (1), (a), (iv) and V of this Convention may be deemed necessary by contracting Governments; and the term "plant products" shall comprise unmanufactured and milled material of plant origin, including seeds in so far as they are not included in the term "plants."

2. The provisions of this Convention may be deemed by contracting Governments to extend to storage places, containers, conveyances, packing material and accompanying media of all sorts including soil involved in the international transportation of plants and plant products.

3. This Convention shall have particular reference to pests and diseases of importance to international trade.

ARTICLE III

Supplementary Agreements

1. Supplementary agreements applicable to specific regions, to specific pests or diseases, to specific plants and plant products, to specific methods of international transportation of plants and plant products, or otherwise supplementing the provisions of this Convention, may be proposed by the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (hereinafter referred to as "FAO") on the recommendation of a contracting Government or on its own initiative, to meet special problems of plant protection which need particular attention or action.

2. Any such supplementary agreements shall come into force for each contracting Government after acceptance in accordance with the provisions of the FAO Constitution and Rules of Procedure.

ARTICLE IV

National Organization for Plant Protection

1. Each contracting Government shall make provision, as soon as possible and to the best of its ability, for

- (a) an official plant protection organization, with the following main functions: