



Understanding the Federally Recognized State Managed Phytosanitary Program (FRSMP or 'Freestamp')



Objective

At the end of this presentation, you will recognize the general characteristics and purpose of the FRSMP Program

Official Control is a term defined by the International Plant Protection Convention (IPPC) as:

“The active enforcement of mandatory phytosanitary regulations and the applications of mandatory phytosanitary procedures with the objective of eradication or containment of quarantine pests or for the management of regulated non-quarantine pests”.

FRSMP builds on the IPPC concept of Official Control

- States manage a harmonized program that PPQ will recognize and oversee
- PPQ defines the phytosanitary objectives of containment and eradication
- PPQ also recognizes exclusion from endangered areas as a possible objective

Why does PPQ want to implement FRSMP?

- To ensure PPQ policies, programs, and risk analyses are consistent with IPPC concepts that the United States and our trading partners recognize
- To create a mechanism for State-managed programs to be officially recognized by APHIS as provided by the IPPC
- To avoid challenges by trading partners to our import requirements

How is PPQ resolving the pests awaiting a decision for state management?

- PPQ consults with State Plant Regulatory Officials (SPROs) about pests that are most unlikely to be regulated because they are widely distributed and/or not feasible to control
- 126 pests have been deregulated at ports of entry through February 2021.

PPQ has created a process to recognize state-managed control programs

State Plant Regulatory Officials (SPROs) will be able to

- Collaborate among themselves on common pests
- Design a program and petition PPQ for recognition

When PPQ recognizes a state managed program, SPROs will:

- Establish a quarantine
- Meet PPQ's reporting requirements

What will states be required to submit in their petition?

- Absence or limited distribution
- Pathway(s) and likelihood of introduction
- Potential economic/environmental harm
- Details of a regulatory program, including phytosanitary regulations

How will FRSMP affect AQI activities

- FRSMP is a program that targets recognized state-regulated pests at US ports of entry
- APHIS will review and accept or reject petitions by states for participation in the program
- APHIS will monitor these programs with periodic audits