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## APHIS Reminds Stakeholders to Verify IPPC Official Contact Point for Trading Partners

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Happy New Year! To help you be successful in your communications in 2024, we are sending our annual reminder to verify the current International Plant Protection Convention (IPPC) contact point for the country you are contacting. This information can be found on the IPPC website: (

<u>https://www.ippc.int/en/countries/all/contactpoints/</u>). This will allow you to have the most up-to-date and accurate contact information for that trading partner.

If you have any additional questions, please contact the U.S. IPPC Official Contact Point at <u>us.ippcofficialcontactpoint@usda.gov</u>.

## Stay Involved!

U.S. stakeholders are vital to the work of the International Plant Protection Convention (IPPC) and North American Plant Protection Organization (NAPPO). Your input on proposed projects, review of draft standards and documents, and participation in IPPC and NAPPO events ensures we are developing relevant standards that advance U.S. harmonization goals. Standards facilitate the safe trade of plants, plant products and other regulated articles while protecting the environment, harmonize plant protection policies and practices among and between trading partners in North America and internationally, and provide a critical framework for addressing phytosanitary trade issues and negotiating market access requests.

**Spread the Word!** If you represent a large organization or association, please distribute this message to your membership.

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