E-quality certificates – the next steps

uniform, faster, more secure, reliable and cost-efficient exchange of trade certificates

webinar

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Part I: National eQuality Certificate systems

A national eQuality system is a precondition to exchange electronic Quality certificates with other countries. The first session will look into experiences of countries made in the implementation of national eQuality systems (including national electronic systems linked to quality inspection and certificate exchanges between national authorities) and will aim to assess the current state of play.

Setting the scene: Why eQuality exchanges?

- Gaps, intended improvements, vision, mission
- Country presentation – existing national electronic systems linked to quality inspection and certificate exchanges with national authorities (business processes supported, what are the benefits, experiences...)

How eQuality Certificate System could work: The CITES approach to electronic permits and possible strategies for the development of eQuality systems

- How does CITES work and components of the eCITES approach: vision, objectives, implementation framework, SWOT
- QR codes: a solution for electronic authentication and transfer of electronic Quality certificates?

Discussion

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- Next steps

Part II: Exchanging electronic certificates between national systems

This session will build on the previous discussions on development of national eQuality systems. It will introduce specific aspects relevant for the exchange pf electronic Quality certificates between national competent authorities. The discussion will be based on the CITES approach for electronic CITES permit exchange.

eQuality Certificate Exchange (CE): The CITES approach to electronic permit information exchange and options for cross-border exchange of quality certificates

Overview and insights:

- eQuality Certificate Exchange (CE) – What are the advantages?
- Steps in an electronic permit exchange - Who sends and receives which information and when?
- Architecture - Point to Point exchanges, Hub Architecture or Hybrid approaches?
- Orchestration - How can we link electronic processes across borders?
- UN/eQuality: The standard for the data exchange
- Learning by doing & Pilots: First steps into electronic exchanges

Strategic discussions

- eQuality CE: bilateral vs coordinated approaches among countries or UN, EU, other
- Case examples: eCITES EPIX, UNCTAD BaseSolution, ePhyto, WTO eSPS Hub, EC TRACES,
- Discussion on next steps
    - Costs
    - Legal basis
    - Pilots
    - Partners - Task force