

## WORKING GUIDELINES FOR RAPID PEST RISK ANALYSIS (rPRA) IN NEPAL

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### 1. General Information

- **Country/Area of Origin:** [Specify]
  - **Importing Country/Area:** [Specify]
  - **Crop(s):** [Specify]
  - **Commodity Type(s):** [Specify]
  - **Importer:** [Specify]
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### 2. Work Estimate for rPRA

The Rapid Pest Risk Analysis (rPRA) consists of the following activities:

- **Activity A:** Scanning of pest list for Regulatory Status (RS)
  - **Activity B:** First Stage rPRA-Processing
  - **Activity C:** Second-Stage rPRA- Verification (Rapid Questions and Answers)
  - **Activity D:** Scanning for New Pests under RS4 (Third-Stage rPRA-Processing)
  - **Activity E:** Fourth-Stage rPRA -Verification (Rapid Questions and Answers)
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### 3. Breakdown of Activities

#### Activity A: Scanning for Regulatory Status (RS)

This activity involves the following sub-steps:

1. **Request Submission:**
  - Receiving the request through the Nepal National Single Window (NNSW) system.
2. **Import Eligibility Verification:**
  - Determining whether the proposed variety or commodity class is permitted for import into Nepal.
  - Ensuring compliance with Nepal Gazette notifications under the Seed Act 2045 and relevant government decisions.
  - Assessing the necessity of importation and its policy implications.
3. **Client and Commodity Assessment:**
  - Evaluating the track record of the importer regarding compliance history

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- Assessing the commodity using ISPM 32 guidelines to determine if an rPRA is required.

**4. Policy Notification to the Importer:**

- Informing the importer via NNSW of any recent regulatory changes mandating PRA requirements.

**5. Pest List Procurement:**

- Obtaining a pest list specific to the commodity class and country of export.
- Using PRA tools, Horizon Scanning tools, or direct communication with the exporting National Plant Protection Organization (NPPO).
- Receiving the national pest list of exporting country from clients as per the Citizen Charter of PQPMC.

**Output 0- Generic Pest List (Appendix 1)**

*No cost is involved up to this stage. PQPMC shall provide the list (Appendix 1) to the chosen expert or to the group of experts. Clients (person or institution) are free to choose the experts from the official list provided by the QC/NPPO)*

**Activity B: First-Stage rPRA-Processing:**

- Classifying and tabulating pests based on Regulatory Status (RS)-Analysis of Appendix 1.
- Categorizing pests into different classes:
  - Pests absent in the importing country (Appendix 2)
  - Quarantine pest (Appendix 3C/RS1)
  - Potential Quarantine Pest (Appendix 3D/RS4)
- Referencing Nepal Gazette notifications, Quarantine Committee decisions, and WTO e-Ping alerts and the published resources that verify the presence record of pests in the exporting country
- Preparing the first draft of the First-Stage rPRA report for junior experts to work on.

**Output 1:** First Stage rPRA Report (Version 1)- Quarantine pests (QPs) or (RS1 Pests) and Potential Quarantine Pests (PQPs or RS4 pests) are Categorized for rapid verification.

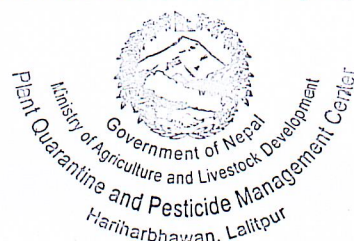
**Activity C: Verification of First-Stage rPRA Report (Rapid Questions and Answers)- Second-Stage rPRA -Verification:**

- Addressing challenges raised by junior experts regarding the inclusion/exclusion of pests into/from RS1 and RS4 of Appendix 2 of V1 report.
- Ensuring compliance with Nepal Gazette notifications for V1 proposed RS1 pests.

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- Proposing answers against Rapid Question 3 (RQ3) of RS1 pests of V1 report, with references.
- Verifying responses to RQ1 and RQ2 of RS4 pests of V1 report and providing references.
- Proposing answers to RQ3 against RS4 pests of V1 report.
- Proposing amendments to pest classification based on findings.

**Output 2 :** Second Stage rPRA Report (Version 2) – Category RS1 and RS4 Pests Qualified/Disqualified by 3 rapid questions as explained in the rPRA reporting format.

#### Activity D: Scanning for New Pests under different RS categories

##### 1. Third-Stage rPRA-Processing

- Tabulating the pests not classified under RS1 or RS4 in Appendix 2 of First-Stage rPRA report (Version 1).
  1. National pest of Crop (Prepare Appendix 3A by analysing Appendix 1 of V1)
  2. National pest of Commodity Type (Prepare Appendix 3B by analyzing Appendix 1 of V1)
  3. Pests for deregulation (Appendix 4/RS5, if any from RS1 category of V2)
  4. Predators/parasitoids/antagonists/biocontrol agents (Appendix 5/RS6, if any from Appendix 2 of V2)
  5. Vectors of RS1/RS4 pests (Appendix 6, RS7) and so on (for RS0, 2, 3, if any)
- 6. Prepare the list of newly proposed RS4 pests that are not addressed in V1 and V2.
  - Referencing literature to confirm pest association of listed pests with the commodity type.
  - Updating the RS4 list based on validated references.


**Output 3:** Third Stage rPRA Report (Version 3) - All unclassified pests in Appendix 2 of Version2 report are classified one by one. National pest list of crop and commodity type is prepared by using Appendix 1 of V2 report.

#### Activity E: Fourth-Stage rPRA-Verification (Rapid Questions and Answers)


- Conducting second-stage rPRA verification for newly added RS4 pests in appendix 2 of First-Stage rPRA report.
- Finalizing the Fourth-Stage rPRA report (Version 4).

**Output 4:** Fourth-Stage rPRA report (Version 4)- Final list of RS4 Pests for fPRA Prepared. Provisional Entry Conditions (EC) of the commodity is prepared.

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