

# Establishing Pest Free Areas for Market Access

### Food Safety Agency of the Republic of Azerbaijan

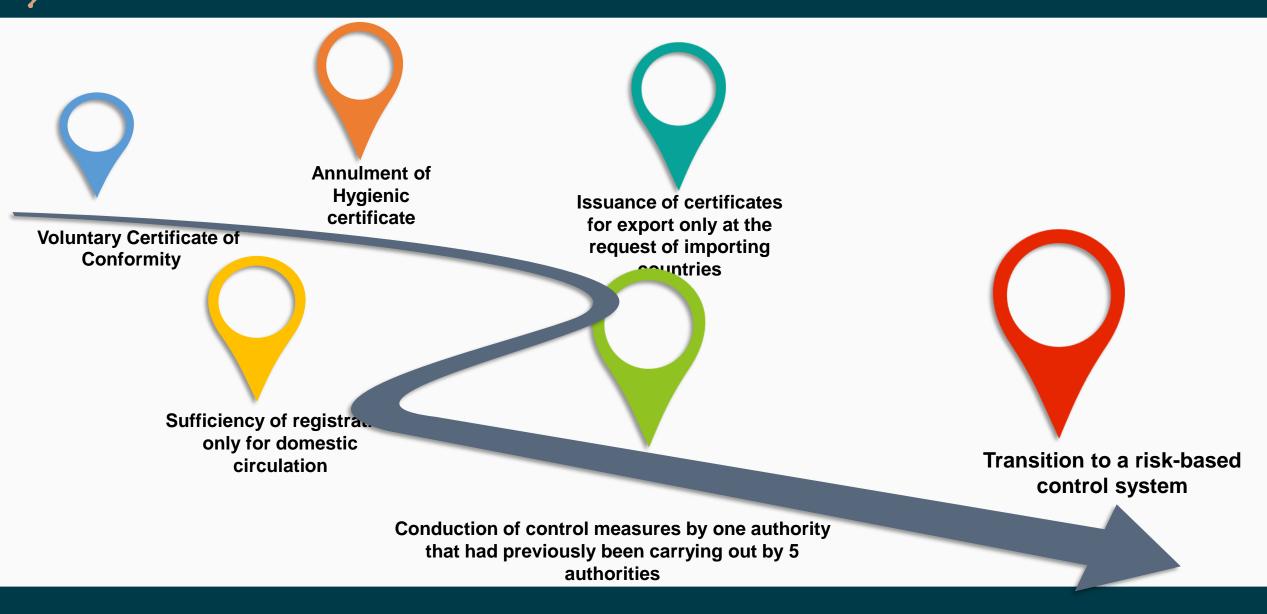
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State Committee for Standardization, Metrology and Patents	Ministry of Health	Ministry of Economy	Ministry of Agriculture	State Customs Committee
Adoption of mandatory standards for food products	Preparation of sanitary and epidemiological rules, standards and their compliance control	Certificate of quality for export of food products	Adoption of phytosanitary and veterinary standards Phytosanitary and veterinary certificates	Food safety during import, veterinary and phytosanitary control
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## AQTA Benefits to business environment of reforms implemented





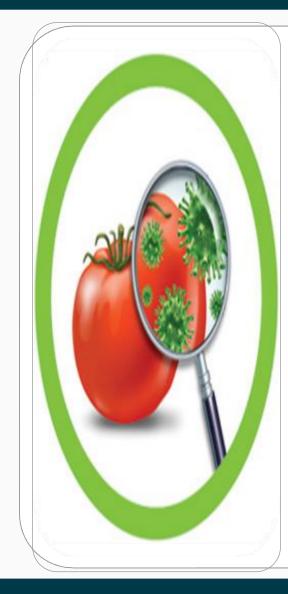


#### **Plant health**

- Implementation of regulatory acts on phytosanitary control
- The study of the phytosanitary situation in the country and implementation of measures for plant protection
- Exercising control on the intrusion into the country's territory of harmful organisms that are subject to quarantine
- Registration of pesticides, biological agents and agrochemicals and ensuring the state control over their production, storage, sale and use
- Issuance of phytosanitary certificate for exported products



### Permission documents issued by AFSA



#### In the field of phytosanitary

- Phytosanitary Export certificate
- Phytosanitary certificate for re-export
- Quarantine permit for import
- Internal quarantine certificate
- Registration certificate for plant protection products and agrochemicals



#### **Food Safety Agency**

1. determine the phytosanitary status warehouses, markets, backyards, gardens and orchards, land, specially protected natural areas

**2.** To carry out phytosanitary control in the process of export, re-export, import and transit.

#### **Ministry of Agriculture**

1. to take prevention and plant protection measures in the in warehouses, markets, backyards, gardens and orchards, land, specially protected natural areas and facilities based on the request of state and local selfgoverning bodies, individuals and companies.

2. to take fumigation or desinfection measures during the import, export, re-export, transit and placement of materials under quarantine control and under other customs regimes, as well as to carry out measures to neutralize harmful organisms and other pests that are subject to quarantine in means of transportation of agricultural products based on the request of state and local self-governing bodies, individuals and companies.







To prevent theExpspread of pestsexp

Expanding the export market

High quality commodities for consumers

No trade restrictions

## SAQTA CONCLUSIONS on PFAs

Today PFAs have been established in a number of countries from where very large volumes of fruits and vegetables are being exported to high value markets without quarantine restrictions.

Nevertheless, most of the PFAs have been established for fruit fly pests.

Especially in Europe PFAs for other pests have been established and are operational for many years

It is critical that decisions on the type of option that will be selected to mitigate pest risk are based on a solid analysis that incorporates technical and economic feasibility.

IPPC provides a framework to establish and maintain PFA.

PFA contribute to the UN program of Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) including: Zero Hunger, Poverty Alleviation, Good Health and Well-Being and Life on Land.



PFA project support

 ✓ Training on Establishing Pest Free Areas for Market Access (<u>TA 9500: Modernizing Sanitary and</u> <u>Phytosanitary Measures to Facilitate Trade</u>)-



## TA 9500: Modernizing Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures to Facilitate Trade

Total 30 specialist
Food Safety Agency
Ministry of Agriculture
State Customs Committe



- ➤Global Phytosanitary Environment:İSPM 1, SPS, EPPO
- ➢ Pest risk analisys (İSPM 2, 14, PM 5/3)
- Establishment PFA (İSPM 4,6,8,29)
- Establishment pest free areas from fruit fly (İSPM 26)
- Ceratitis capitate (fruit fly): Biology, Impact, PhytosanitaryMeasures, situation in Azerbaijan and neighboring countries and trade partners in importing countries
- Practical sessions

✓ In the new project of "Plant health" law, articles on free-zones have been added.

✓ International guidelines have been translated and relevant persons have been trained

✓ Phytosanitary monitoring has been started in the «Karabakh» zone" freed from occupation.

# Plans for future

- Improving the legislative framework for the establishment of a Pest Free Zone
- According to the results of phytosanitary monitoring, the selection of places that can be a free zone and the determination of a buffer zone
- Identification of the product and the free pest
- Establishing monitoring and eradication plans
- Development of the software program
- Implementation of pr activities.



# Thank you for your attention

With a safer food towards the healthy future!

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