



Global movement of seeds, phyto reality

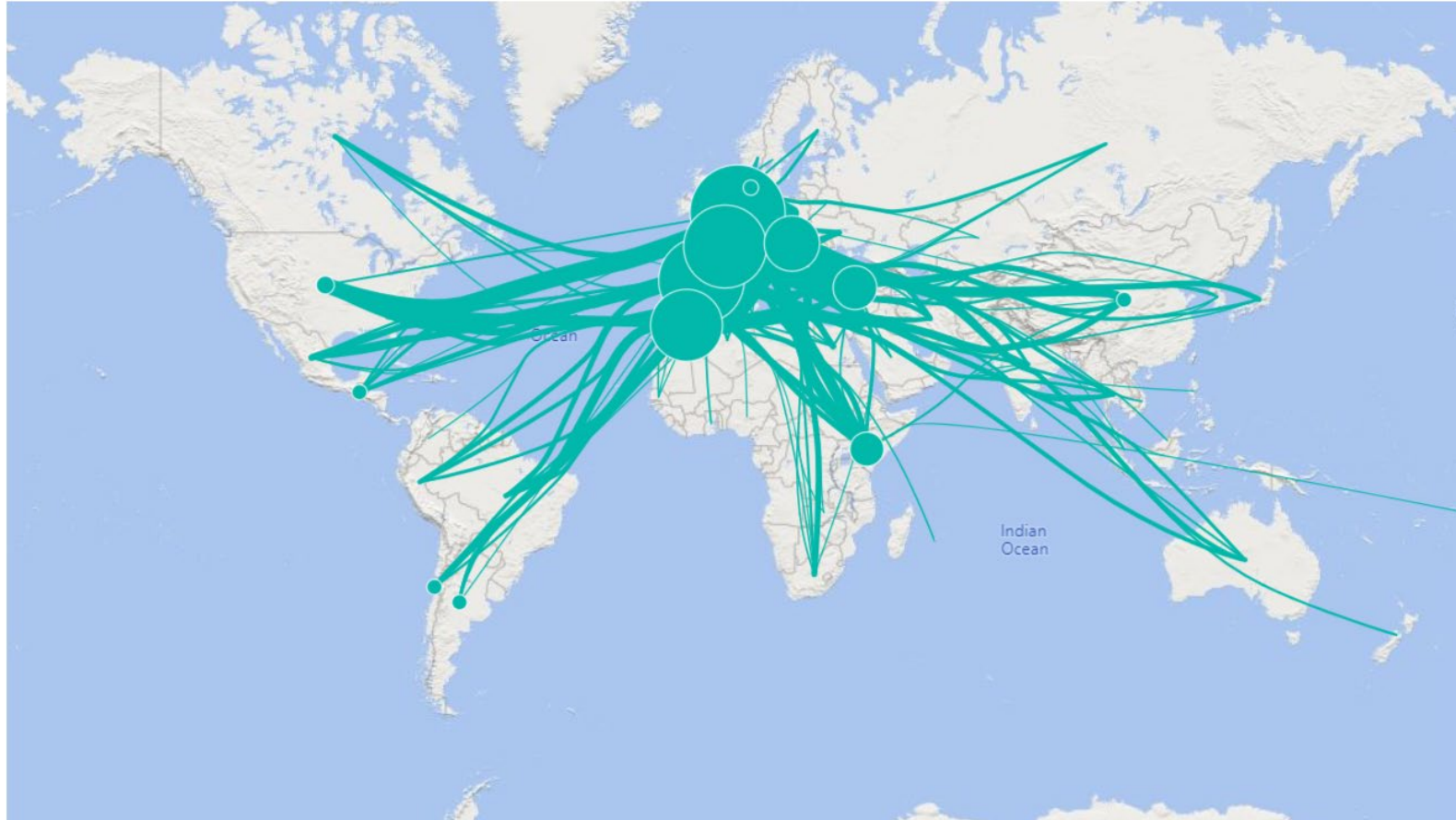
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Complexity of the trade-lanes used



Trade-lanes = combination of crop + origin (where the seed is grown) + [re-exporting country] + importing country

Why phytosanitary aspects matter?

- The National Plant Protection Organizations (NPPOs) establish the phytosanitary requirements for import of seed. These requirements, and especially the phytosanitary measures related to regulated pests are aimed to prevent the introduction and spread of pests **via the seed**.
- Phytosanitary requirements vary from one country/region to another.
- Since the same productions are delivered to multiple countries, the management of all phytosanitary requirements combined increase the complexity of phytosanitary certification process.

Frequently Asked Questions?



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Different Market Access approaches:

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PRA per origin of the crop

- High dependance of communication and priorities for NPPOs involved.
- It may take several years to be completed.

'Global' PRA per crop

- Less restrictive in terms of countries of origins.
- Less dependent on prioritization by NPPOs for the product in question.
- Exceptions of phyto requirements may apply for specific countries.

Access to phytosanitary requirements

Phytosanitary requirements are established by the NPPO of the importing country. In many cases, upon agreement with the country of origin (and re-exporting country).

- Are the import requirements accessible in official websites, regulations, import permits or other valid official sources?
 - ▀ Those may be requested by the exporting NPPO for phytosanitary certification purposes.

Changes of phytosanitary requirements

- Changes of import requirements:
 - Scope of the communication (NPPO to NPPO; WTO notifications; IPPC report; NPPO to NSA)
 - Clarity of the changes or new requirements
 - Impact:
 - ✓ Transition period? Comments accepted?
 - ✓ Possible impacts on:
 - Seed in storage (replacement of phytos not possible)
 - Running productions
 - ✓ Technical feasibility of new requirements (test availability, seed treatment specifications, double, triple measures)

Additional declarations

- Diversity in the wording statements of the additional declarations for the same pathogens and phytosanitary measures. -> when strict criteria apply, eligibility of seed lots is reduced
- Misspelling or wrong scientific names. -> reduces possibilities to be certified by NPPOs
- From the required pests, “Pest absent” or “not known to occur” in origin not always accepted as alternative additional declaration.
- Additional Official Phytosanitary Information to enable future re-exports (ISPM 12).

Solutions around these challenges from the industry

- Deep understanding of the **I**nternational **S**tandards for **P**hytosanitary **M**easures by industry and NPPOs.
- Working closely with NPPOs (and/or through National Seed Associations)
- Working closely with Seed Associations at national, regional (SAA, EUROSEEDS, APSA, etc.) and international level (ISF).

Thank you!



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