

Regional and International Cooperation Agencies and Actions



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Article 7, section IV of the Federal Plant Health Law establishes: "To propose to the Head of the Federal Executive the formulation of or accession to international treaties on plant health matters that are of interest to the country, and to sign inter-institutional agreements that are necessary to achieve international harmonization of phytosanitary measures".

The international commercialization of plants, their products and by-products represents a potential risk of introduction of quarantine pests for the countries that practice it. In view of this situation, Mexico has signed Phytosanitary Cooperation Agreements with different countries in order to reduce this risk.

The Cooperation Agreements are governed by general international trade rules and establish bilateral or multilateral commitments for trade in agricultural products. They recognize the structural differences in the countries' agricultural sectors and establish mechanisms to avoid arbitrary and unjustified discrimination with contracting countries where identical or similar phytosanitary conditions exist, so that phytosanitary measures are not applied in such a way as to constitute a restriction on international trade, in accordance with the provisions of the Agreement on Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures of the World Trade Organization (SPS Agreement of the World Trade Organization).

- [Decrees](#)
- [List of Agreements](#)

Among the Regional Plant Protection Organizations that coordinate the activities and objectives of the Convention at the regional level and to which our country belongs, are:

- [_North American Plant Protection Organization](#)
- [_International Regional Organization for Animal and Plant Health](#)

Mexico maintains solid relations with several International Plant Protection Organizations, among which the following stand out:

- [World Trade Organization](#)
- [Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations](#)