

Introduction to Violation of IPPC Principles and Obligations

Plant health measures like treating or fumigating an imported commodity can kill pests, but can also increase costs and decrease product quality and shelf life, making an imported product less desirable than the domestically produced, unfumigated version. It is important that plant health measures like fumigation are consistent with IPPC principles otherwise the importing country's measures could be vulnerable to challenge by the exporting country. Let's take a closer look at four examples that demonstrate violations of the IPPC obligations and principles.