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Dear Sir/Madam

NOTIFICATION OF *BACTROCERA INVADENS* DETECTION IN BINDURA DISTRICT (MASHONALAND CENTRAL PROVINCE) OF ZIMBABWE

The National Plant Protection Organisation of Zimbabwe wishes to inform members of the International Plant Protection Convention (IPPC) of the detection of male specimens of *Bactrocera invadens* in Methyl Eugenol baited traps in Bindura district of Mashonaland Central Province of Zimbabwe in September 2012. The affected areas are Pasango farm and Bindura urban areas.

The specimens were identified by a local fruit fly expert and confirmed by an internationally recognized fruit fly taxonomist in accordance with the Plant Pest and Disease Act's Regulations and guidelines stipulated by the International Standards for Phytosanitary Measures (ISPMs). The NPPO of Zimbabwe implemented phytosanitary actions through a delimiting survey, deployment of Male Annihilation Blocks, 3 Component Biolure, orchard sanitation, regulated fruit movements and appropriate disposal of fallen fruit to manage fruit fly introductions to Pest Free Areas. Please do not hesitate to seek clarifications regarding the subject matter. The NPPO will continue to update you of the *Bactrocera invadens* status of the country.

Yours sincerely

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