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## NAPPO Panel Report

Panel Name:	<b>Biotechnology</b>	
Location:	Guadalajara, Mexico	
Date:	October 26, 2008	
Panel Chair:	Terri Dunahay, USDA,APHIS,BRS	
Participants:		
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### Summary

Issue 1:	Proposal for revision of RSPM N <sup>o</sup> 14 – Importation of transgenic plants into NAPPO member countries
Consensus:	<p>The Panel discussed whether there is a need to revise RSPM N<sup>o</sup> 14. The issues raised include whether the current standard is duplicative with other trilateral discussions; whether there is a need to provide additional context for the information elements listed in the risk assessment guidance; and whether there is a need for guidance on pest risk analysis for plants as pests, including LMO plants. Canada agreed to provide a proposal for consideration by the Panel for revision of RSPM N<sup>o</sup> 14 that they believe would make the standard more widely applicable and better reflect the situation in the three countries. The Canadian proposal will articulate their vision for revising the standard to provide guidance on PRA that captures the intended use of the plants (e.g., for confined field trials as opposed to unconfined release) and risk management measures employed.</p> <p>It was also agreed that a proposal for new work to address the issues of risk analysis for transgenic plants as pests, including the possibility of developing a new standard to provide guidance for PRA of plants as pests, including transgenic plants, would need to be a joint project of the PRA, invasive species, and biotechnology panel, and should not be an initiative of the biotechnology panel. Canada agreed to raise this issue with the appropriate panel members in Canada for consideration but we decided not to include this project in the workplan of the biotechnology panel.</p>

Issue 2:	Develop a detailed proposal for a NAPPO workshop on biotechnology in 2008/2009
Consensus:	The Panel noted that the NAPPO Executive Committee approved the proposal for a symposium for the 2009 Annual Meeting on Living Modified Organisms and Plant Health submitted by the Biotechnology Panel. The Panel will begin work on development of an agenda, with proposed topics and speakers
Next Steps Issue 1	1. ACTION: Canada will draft and circulate a proposal for revision of RSPM N° 14 to the Panel by February 2009
Issue 2	2. The U.S. will develop a first draft of a detailed agenda with proposed speaker for the symposium for circulation to Panel members by January 15, 2009
<b>Next Meeting</b>	
Location:	Ottawa, Canada
Date:	April 2008 (if needed)
<b>Proposed Agenda Items</b>	
1. Workshop planning	
2. Discussion of Canadian proposal for revision of RSPM N° 14	

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