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NAPPO Panel Report

Panel Name:	Citrus	
Location:	Miami, Florida, USA	
Date:	March 16-18, 2010	
Panel Chair:	Hector Manuel Sanchez, SAGARPA	
Participants:		
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Summary

Issue 1: Review RSPM No 16, <i>Guideline for the importation of citrus propagative material into a NAPPO member country.</i>	The panel reviewed and updated Appendix No. 1 to NAPPO RSPM 16, which includes diseases and pathogens.
Consensus 1:	Annex 2 for insects and mites will be sent for an update to the corresponding experts, as these pests can spread through citrus propagative material.
Issue 2: Diagnostic protocol for HLB in propagative material	The panel thought that the protocol used to analyze collected samples in commercial orchards and backyards is the same one used for propagative material. It is necessary to develop an appropriate procedure for sampling.
Consensus 2:	A first proposal was developed for sampling procedures per unit of a certification program, which will be sent to the experts for comments and review. This will conclude as a panel recommendation in the next meeting.
Issue 3: Current situation of citrus quarantine pests.	The situation of quarantine pests in the United States, Belize, Mexico and the OIRSA countries was presented. Its current status and actions applied for its confinement and control were presented.
Consensus 3:	We will continue with regular information exchange in upcoming panel meetings.
Issue 4: Progress in the organization of the International workshop on HLB and the Asian citrus Psyllid.	The progress report on the workshop organization was presented.

Consensus 4:	We concluded the workshop agenda; invitations will be sent to the speakers through the NAPPO Secretariat.
Consensus 5:	The panel will hold a meeting before the workshop.
Issue 5 Seed borne HLB	Dr. Georgios Vidalakis gave a presentation on this subject. Progress on the research is not conclusive to determine that the bacterium is seed borne and, therefore, the risk still remains.
Next meeting	
Location:	Merida, Yucatan, Mexico
Date:	July 19, 2010
Proposed agenda items	
1. Arrangements and outreach efforts for the International Workshop on HLB and its vector.	
2. Information exchange on citrus quarantine pests.	
3. Review annex 2 to RSPM 16.	
4. Develop sampling procedures for propagative material to detect HLB.	
5. Implementation of RSPM 16.	
6. To strengthen knowledge exchange with OIRSA. Organize joint meeting (OIRSA/NAPPO) in Belize during 2010.	