

Implementation plan for NAPPO Standard

1. Name of Standard

RSPM N°. 26 Guidelines for certification of commercial arthropod biological control agents moving into NAPPO member countries

2. Country Reporting Canada

3. Relevant Authority

3.1 Current Authority *Plant Protection Act and Plant Protection Regulations*

3.2 Revisions to Authority None required

4. Obtaining Authority to Adopt the Standard

Changes to Legal Authority:

No changes to *Act* or *Regulations* are required.

Policy directive D-96-14, *Import Requirements for Invertebrates and Microorganisms*, needs to be revised.

5. Implementation of Standard

The CFIA will follow the general time lines listed below to include the use of letters of certification to the phytosanitary certification of commercial arthropod biological control agents (CABCA) imported to Canada. October 1, 2008 is the preferred final implementation date for RSPM 26. A harmonized implementation date is necessary and this date allows all three NAPPO member countries to make necessary regulatory changes.

Activity

Estimated Completion Date

Revise D-96-14 and consult stakeholders within Canada October 2007

WTO Notification (3 months) January 2008

Publish revised policy directive, D-96-14 April 2008

Start notifying individual Canadian importers that CFIA will require that letters of certification accompany each shipment of CABCA which enters Canada by October 2008. April 2008

All shipments of CABCA entering Canada will be required to be accompanied by letters of certification. October 2008