

Plan for the Adoption and Implementation of NAPPO standards

1. Name of Standard

RSPM No. 25 – Guidelines for international Movement of Pome and Stone Fruit Trees into a NAPPO Member Country

2. Country Reporting

United States

3. Relevant Authority

3.1 Current Authority

- A. Legislative Authority – Yes, Plant Protection Act
- B. Regulatory Authority – Yes, but revisions will be necessary

3.2 Revisions to authority

- A. Revision to our import regulations will be needed to comply with the provisions within the Standard to ensure that imported pome and stone fruit trees from all countries meet the production and phytosanitary conditions outlined in the Standard.
- B. Regulatory change will be necessary in order to provide Federal oversight over the existing State operated fruit tree certification programs and require that these nursery certification programs meet the conditions of the Standard.

4. Obtaining Authority to Adopt the Standard

- A. Currently PPQ is revising 319-37 and other regulations governing the importation of plants for planting. A principal component of this revision is the establishment of clean stock programs, utilizing performance-based criteria. The criteria in the pome and stone fruit tree standard would be used as a basis for this regulation change. However, the legality of using performance-based criteria needs to be determined for this application. Actual implementation of the criteria outlined in the Standard will be based on bilateral negotiations and result in the development of an acceptable operational workplan for the production and export of certified plants. Additional resources will be necessary for implementation.
- B. The USA currently has a pome and stone fruit tree certification programs which have been approved by PPQ and implemented by interested States. These programs already meet most of the criteria outlined in the Standard. However, PPQ needs to establish NPPO oversight and minimum conditions for certification as outlined in the Standard.

The accreditation group will initiate the implementation process as their next new project, estimate completion time 2-4 years.

Activity	Estimated Completion Date
Changes to Legal Authority Analyze current authority and draft necessary changes including publication of a Proposed Rule, comments, and clearance	June, 2006
Publish Final Rule	June, 2008

At this point APHIS has the authority to legally implement the conditions of the standard.

5. Implementation of Standard

Activity	Estimated Completion Date
Actual Implementation Develop bilateral work plan, Perform site reviews, check Compliance, audit material that would enter, etc	June, 2010