



NAPPO EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE DECISION

ISSUE: The ISTA Handbook of Method Validation for the Detection of Seed-borne Pathogens

Background

At the June 21-22 meeting of the International Seed Testing Association (ISTA), the ISTA Handbook of Method Validation for the Detection of Seed-borne Pathogens was approved.

One of the principles of good laboratory practices used by ISTA is that seed health testing should be performed using methods and equipment which have been tested to ensure they are fit for the purpose. The Handbook describes the principles and factors which should be considered in the validation of methods for the detection of seed-borne pathogens.

The NAPPO Seeds Panel has reviewed the Handbook and recommends that the NAPPO Executive Committee endorse it for phytosanitary purposes in NAPPO countries.

ISTA is seeking NAPPO endorsement as a first step towards building global acceptance of the Handbook by the International Plant Protection Convention.

DECISION

The NAPPO Executive Committee endorses the International Seed Testing Association Handbook of Method Validation for the Detection of Seed-borne Pathogens and will adopt the Handbook for phytosanitary purposes in their respective countries.

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