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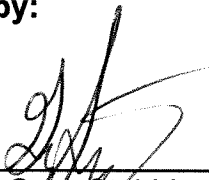
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NAPPO Executive Committee Decision Sheet

Issue: Criteria for Pest Lists in NAPPO RSPMs

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The text of the IPPC (Article VII.2i) clearly indicates that contracting parties to the best of their ability shall establish, maintain and update lists of regulated pests. These lists should include quarantine pests and regulated non-quarantine pests.

Panels which prepare and routinely update pest lists should be aware that these lists could have regulatory and trade implications within and outside the NAPPO region.

ISPM No. 19 (Guidelines on lists of regulated pests) indicates that the justification for regulating pests corresponds to the following provisions of the IPPC:

- pests meet the defining criteria for quarantine or regulated non-quarantine pests to be regulated;
- only regulated pests are eligible for phytosanitary measures;
- phytosanitary measures are technically justified
- PRA provides the basis for technical justification.

The IPPC definition for quarantine pest and regulated non-quarantine pests are as follows:

Quarantine pest: A pest of potential economic importance to the area endangered thereby and not yet present there, or present but not widely distributed and being officially controlled.

Regulated non-quarantine pest (RNQP): A non-quarantine pest whose presence in plants for planting affects the intended use of those plants with an economically unacceptable impact and which is therefore regulated within the territory of the importing contracting party.

Identifying the presence or absence of regulated pests in NAPPO countries can also be a useful tool in trying to harmonize phytosanitary measures.

ISPM No. 19 also indicates that in developing a list of regulated pests, some contracting parties identify non-regulated pests. However there is **NO** obligation in listing such pests. Article VI.2 of the IPPC clearly stipulates that contracting parties shall not require phytosanitary measures for non-regulated pests.

Taking into consideration the above information, NAPPO panels should observe the following guidelines when developing or updating pest lists in NAPPO RSPMs:

- NAPPO standards should only recommend requirements for regulated pests (Quarantine or RNQP);
- lists of regulated pests should be updated regularly by the panel to reflect any changes in pest status;
- pests of economic significance that do not qualify as regulated pests are to be clearly identified as such and may be included in industry certification programs.