

## NAPPO Executive Committee Decision Sheet

### **Issue:**

Compliance by North American Plant Protection Organization (NAPPO) countries (Canada, the United States and Mexico) with International Plant Protection Convention (IPPC, 1997) pest reporting obligations.

### **Background:**

The IPPC requires countries to report on the occurrence, outbreak, and spread of pests with the purpose of communicating immediate or potential danger. These obligations form the basis of International Standard for Phytosanitary Measures (ISPM) No. 17, *Pest reporting*. National Plant Protection Organizations (NPPOs) have the responsibility to collect pest information by surveillance and to verify the pest records thus collected. Occurrence, outbreak or spread of pests that are known to be of immediate or potential danger should be reported to neighboring countries and trading partners.

As signatories to the IPPC, each NAPPO country has agreed to its obligations. Compliance with these obligations will be achieved through the direct posting of Official Pest Reports, or links to Official Pest Reports that are hosted on the country's own website, on the NAPPO Phytosanitary Alert System website ([www.pestalert.org](http://www.pestalert.org)). Each NAPPO country will be responsible for establishing its own internal approval procedure for preparing Official Pest Reports. To facilitate posting, the NAPPO Pest Alert web site provides each country with secure access for posting new Pest Reports and editing or deleting existing Pest Reports, and a system for notifying individual official IPPC contact points, as determined by the reporting country, of newly posted reports. NAPPO countries may adopt their own procedure for notifying individual NPPOs of new pest reports posted on the Phytosanitary Alert System website.

### **Decision:**

NAPPO countries agree to use the Phytosanitary Alert System website as a mechanism of compliance with IPPC pest reporting obligations.

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