

NAPPO PANEL REPORTS: FORESTRY; GRAINS; INVASIVE SPECIES

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Forestry Panel-Year in Review

- Completed regional standard-RSPM No. 33 for managing risk on marine vessels and cargo. Standard is available on the NAPPO website.
- Drafted discussion document assessing the risk associated with imported wooden handicraft items and possible risk management measures
- Exchanged information with NAPPO countries concerning compliance of wood packaging materials to ISPM 15 that shows improved compliance of ~95%

Forestry Panel Year in Review (cont.)

- Received update from IPPC Technical Panel on Forest Quarantine concerning development of an international standard of risks associated with the international movement of wood
- Determined a need to develop a workshop to harmonize inspection procedures for Christmas trees
- Reviewed, but took no action based on present harmonized approaches, regulatory requirements for NAPPO-harmonized management of *Sirex noctilio*

Forestry Panel-Proposed Assignments

- Establish a standard for regulating imports of wooden handicrafts
- Establish a workshop to harmonize the import and export of Christmas trees within North America
- Review the pending IPPC international standard for the movement of wood and provide comment when standard becomes available for country consultation within the IPPC standards process

Forestry Proposed Assignments (cont.)

- Review of emerging pest/standards issues
- Harmonize the implementation of ISPM 15 (2009) across North America including the harmonized removal of the exemption between Canada and the US
- Share emerging scientific information on the risks associated with non-compliant ISPM 15 products in North America and develop measures to improve compliance.

Forestry Panel-Other Discussions

- Consideration be given to the effect of climate change associated with forest pests

Grains Panel – Year in Review

- Reviewed and updated RSPM 21, “Harmonized Procedure to Morphologically Distinguish Teliospores of Karnal Bunt, Ryegrass Bunt and Rice Bunt.” The name was changed slightly to go along with the different bunts that were added to it. Similar species were added as well as some color pictures. The three appendices, one for each country’s method were reviewed by the respective country. The updated RSPM was signed by the Executive Committee at their August 2009 meeting.

Grains-Year in Review

- Reviewed and updated RSPM 13, “Guidelines to Establish, Maintain and Verify Karnal Bunt Pest Free Areas in North America.” Wording was harmonized, vague areas were clarified. Some revisions based on 10 years of experience, most notably the section on how to handle areas where KB had previously been detected but is now free from KB.

Grains-Year in Review

- The Phosphine Treatment Protocol was reviewed with the intent that it be submitted to the IPPC. The Panel felt that the many years of successful use of the method was proof enough that it was an effective method of treating grain in-transit and therefore did not go to the very difficult task of trying to re-generate the original data. NAPPO moved it forward in this form to the IPPC and the issue is still being debated.

Proposed IPPC Standard on “International Movement of Grain”

- Proposed by one or more African importing countries
- IPPC suggested an “International Workshop” on the subject, to explore whether present IPPC standards, such as sampling and inspection could be used as the basis of such a standard.
- No country has stepped up to host such a meeting. IPPC has put this idea in the “Hold” status.
- Grains Panel feels that there is no need for such a standard from an exporting country standpoint.

Grains-Proposed Assignments

- Monitor IPPC interest in and be prepared to work on Phosphine issue.
- Monitor the “International Movement of Grain” standard issue and get involved as appropriate.
- Panel would like to work with the Biotechnology panel on the issue of removing restrictions to trade because of GMO issue.

Grains-Proposed Assignments

- Since it could take many years to get the “Electronic Phyto Cert” standard through the IPPC, the panel would like to see NAPPO expedite such a system especially between the US and Mexico for grain and oilseed in particular. Shipping time can be too short to utilize a hard copy origin and get it to Mexico in time to meet the shipment. Grain shipments are large and of high total value and the cost of freight and demurrage results in major economic losses if a vessel has to wait at the discharge port for an original phyto to arrive. Panel is willing to assist.

Invasive Species Panel-Year in Review

- **Assignment 1. Assist the Technical Advisory Group to complete RSPM 31 on Pathway Risk Analysis**
 - Country comments on draft standard (2008) were extensive
 - IS and PRA panels are working together to focus the assignment and move the standard forward

- **Assignment 2. Complete the position paper describing NAPPO'S role in Invasive Alien Species, including documentation of relevant federal legislative authority for regulation of aquatic plants in North America**
 - A position paper was drafted, including tables outlining legislative authorities and active programs for IAS in each country
 - The paper will be finalized and recommendations provided to the Executive Committee in the near future

- **Assignment 3. Complete the Discussion Paper on RSPM 32 (Pest Risk Assessment for Plants for Planting as Quarantine Pests).**
 - The discussion paper was completed and will be posted on the NAPPO website
 - The three countries plan to work together on opportunities for harmonization of weed risk assessment procedures, but the Panel is not proposing an assignment at this time

- **Assignment 4. Continue outreach efforts to other national and international organizations in North America, particularly those related to the environment**
 - Discussions about regional MOU on invasive species between NAPPO and the Commission on Environmental Cooperation (CEC) to formalize efforts to work together on IAS issues
 - Continued connection between the NAPPO IS Panel and the CEC Ad hoc working group on IAS through common membership
 - The IS Panel is working on a reference document identifying environmental stakeholders and discussing their potential role in NAPPO activities

- **Proposed New Assignment. The implications of climate change for NAPPO activities**
 - The IS and PRA Panels recognize the potential for climate change to affect the spread and establishment of IAS in new areas; this could have implications for NAPPO activities, in particular the PRA process
 - The two panels propose to collaborate on a discussion paper

Questions?

