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Organización Norteamericana de Protección a las Plantas

NAPPO Conference Call Report

Expert Group:	Revision of RSPM 26	
Location:	Zoom video conference	
Date:	June 28, 2023	
Chairperson	Bruno Gallant (CFIA)	
Participants:		
Heather Cumming (CFIA)	Peter Mason (Agric. Can)	Bob Pfannenstiel (APHIS PPQ)
Kirk Martin (APHIS PPQ)	Ron Weeks (APHIS PPQ)	John Goolsby (APHIS PPQ)
Vicente Rosas Medina (SENASICA)	Carlos Lázaro Castellanos (SENASICA)	Brian Spencer (Canada Industry)
Melissa Tacolla (US Industry)	Hugo Arredondo (Mexico Industry)	Ben Slager (APHIS PPQ)
Stephanie Bloem (NAPPO)	Nedelka Marín-Martínez (NAPPO)	Alonso Suazo (NAPPO)
Summary		
Project:	Revision of RSPM 26 (<i>Certification of commercial arthropod biological control agents moving into NAPPO member countries</i>)	
General comments:	The NAPPO TD thanked the EG members for joining the video conference and welcomed Ben Slager as an observer. Mr. Slager participated to learn more about the EG in anticipation of replacing Bob Pfannenstiel who plans to retire in early 2024.	
Item 1:	Updates from the June 2023 NAPPO management team meetings in San Diego, California	
Consensus:	<p>The NAPPO ED and TD provided the following updates relevant to the EG work:</p> <p><i>EG request for a face-to-face (f2f) meeting in 2023.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• The NAPPO AMC and EC decided that a face-to-face meeting with members of the EG will be more appropriate in 2024 because of current budget cuts and travel restrictions within each NPPO.• A f2f meeting in 2024 will provide more time for the EG to develop a draft document for discussion. <p>The TD informed the EG that other options could be considered including longer virtual meetings. The EG agreed that 2 sessions of 2 hours each will be a good option.</p> <p>EG request to periodically update the BCA list.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• The TD informed that this topic will be discussed with the AMC in the next AMC meeting. The EG will be informed about the decisions.	

Item 2:	Discussions on the “Background Study Paper”
Consensus:	Following the NAPPO AMC and EC updates for the EG, the EG continued with the discussions on the “Background Study Paper” (BSP). Bob Pfannenstiel presented the document “ <i>Current Permitting Status for Commercial BCA</i> ” to discuss as additional information to the BSP and indicated that an updated version of the document will be provided to the Secretariat for translation and to share with the EG.
Other subjects	The NAPPO TD thanked Hugo Arredondo for volunteering to present the EG report for the NAPPO annual meeting. The TD also suggested having a special call to provide feedback to Hugo, once he completes the first draft.

Next Steps

Responsible Person	Action	Date
NAPPO Secretariat	Send a poll to the EG to schedule two 2-hr sessions to continue the discussions on the background study paper.	
NAPPO Secretariat	Translate the “ <i>Current Permitting Status for Commercial BCA</i> ” document and add the information to the BSP document.	
All (in particular, industry and regulatory officials)	Send to Bob Pfannenstiel information to insert into Current status section.	
Bob Pfannenstiel	Complete Current status section and provide a copy to Secretariat for translation and share with the EG.	

Next Meeting

Location:	Virtual (TBD)
Date:	Zoom or MS Teams video conference

Proposed Agenda Items

1. Introduction
2. Continue discussion on draft discussion paper