

NAPPO Conference Call Report

Expert Group:	Forestry	
Location:	Zoom meeting – Videoconference	
Date:	August 16, 2021	
Chairperson	Meghan Noseworthy (NR. Canada)	
Participants:	-	
John Tyrone Jones II (USDA- APHIS-PPQ)	Eric Allen (Retired)	Dave Kretschmann (US Industry)
Ronald Mack (USDA-APHIS- PPQ)	Brad Gething (US industry)	Faith Campbell (US Industry)
Stephanie Bloem (NAPPO)	Alonso Suazo (NAPPO)	Stephanie Dubon (USDA-APHIS- PPQ; NAPPO AMC member)
	Summary	
Project: General comments:	Develop a Science and Technology document that provides guidance related to contaminating pests on certified wood packaging material and wood commodities.	
	 The NAPPO ED and TD welcomed and thanked the EG members for joining the videoconference. The ED and TD: Indicated that the objective of the call is to address all comments provided to the Forestry S&T document 08 (<i>Contaminating organisms affecting trade in wood commodities and forestry products</i>) during the country consultation period. Informed the EG members that "Country Consultation" comments will be addressed in two steps. First, EG members from Canada and the US will discuss all comments. When a consensus is reached on all comments, the NAPPO Secretariat will translate the document with all agreed upon changes into Spanish and share the document with EG members from Mexico. Second, a call will be scheduled with all the EG members from Canada, US, and Mexico to reach consensus with all three NAPPO countries and provide one more opportunity for feedback on the document. Reminded EG members the videoconference was scheduled for 3 hours with a 15 min break. Indicated that comments in the document included those provided by Canada, the US and the NPPO of Argentina. Informed the EG about the next steps once the country consultation comments were addressed and a consensus reached by the US/CA EG members. 	

Following the videoconference introduction, the chairperson indicated that EG members will address the comments provid to the S&T document and action items will be included for the writing subgroup to address those comments with more substantial issues. The consensus from the EG members was • Address all comments. • Provide a list of action items for the writing subgroup to address once the group has completed the discussions • The subgroup will provide a copy of the document (In track change mode) to the Secretariat to translate.				
		Country Consultation comments		
Consensus:	EG members proceeded to address the country consultation comments. Progress was made and comments were addressed to section 2.2.2 (Wood Commodities / Wood Packaging Material).			
Next Steps				
Responsible Person	Action	Date		
Next Meeting				
Location:	Zoom meeting – Videoconference			
Date:	The NAPPO Secretariat will send a poll to the US/CA EG members for the next videoconference.			
Proposed Agenda Items				
1. Continue discussing the country consultation comments.				
2. Next steps.				