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NAPPO Conference Call Report

Expert Group:	Forestry	
Location:	Zoom meeting - Videoconference	
Date:	October 9, 2020	
Chairperson	Meghan Noseworthy (NRCan.)	
Participants:		
Ron Mack (APHIS-PPQ)	Gustavo Hernández (SEMARNAT)	Eric Allen (Retired)
Chuck Dentelbeck (Can. Industry)	Scott Geffros (Can. Industry)	Paul Conway (US Industry)
Dave Kretschman (US Industry)	Brad Gething (US Industry)	Faith Campbell (US industry)
Nedelka Marín-Martínez (NAPPO)	Stephanie Bloem (NAPPO)	Patricia Abad (APHIS-PPQ)
Alonso Suazo (NAPPO)		
Summary		
Project:	Develop a Science and Technology document that provides guidance related to contaminating pests in certified wood packaging material and wood commodities.	
General comments:	The objective of this call was to provide an update on the work done by the writing group of the NAPPO Forestry EG on the Science and Technology document.	
Item 1:	General updates.	
Consensus:	The Chairperson informed the group about the recent International Forest Quarantine Research Group (IFQRG) virtual symposium that took place from September 28 to October 2. The symposium provided an opportunity to get valuable information for the EG Science and Technology document.	
Item 2:	Document review.	
Consensus:	<p>A presentation was shared with the EG which included a general outline of the Science and Technology document. The presentation included all the sections of the documents that were added by the writing subgroup, details of what remains to complete and general comments to discuss.</p> <p>The Chairperson indicated that the writing group has met 8 times to work on the S&T document. During this time, comments received by EG members and new information was added to the document.</p> <p>The Chairperson provided detailed information on the work done in each section of the document and asked EG members to read the document and provide comments and/or suggestions to</p>	

	discuss during the next conference call. She encouraged the group to include case studies with their suggestions.	
Next Steps		
Responsible Person	Action	Date
EG members	Read S&T document and provide comments.	October 23
Next Meeting		
Location:	Zoom meeting – Videoconference	
Date:	November 18 from 2:00-3:30 pm EST.	
Proposed Agenda Items		
1. Review comments from the group since the last meeting on Oct 8th		
2. Discuss next steps – writing group to develop remaining sections		
3. Target date to finish final sections, translate and send out for EG to review: mid-December		
4. Target date for comments from EG mid-January		
5. Next Meeting mid-February		