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North American Plant Protection Organization  
Organización Norteamericana de Protección a las Plantas

## NAPPO Conference Call Report

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| Expert Group:              | Revision of RSPM 9  |                             |
| Location:                  | Conference call   |                             |
| Date:                      | December 14, 2018   |                             |
| Chairperson:               | María del Rocio Hernández (SENASICA)  |                             |
| Participants:              |   |                             |
| Janine Maruschak (CFIA)    | Sarika Negi (APHIS PPQ)   | Geoffrey Dennis (APHIS PPQ) |
| Alejandro Cotoc (SENASICA) | Robert Carr Jr. (US Ind)  | Dominique Pelletier (CFIA)  |
| Patricia Abad (APHIS PPQ)  | Nedelka Marin-Martínez (NAPPO)  | Alonso Suazo (NAPPO)        |
| <b>Summary</b>             |   |                             |
| Project:                   | Revision of RSPM 9 – “The Authorization of laboratories for phytosanitary Testing”  |                             |
| Item 1:                    | Introductory remarks and announcements  |                             |
| Consensus:                 | The NAPPO TD thanked the participants that joined the conference call.  |                             |
| Item 2:                    | Review / amend / approve conference call agenda   |                             |
| Consensus:                 | Conference call agenda approved as it is.   |                             |
| Item 3:                    | Selection of meeting rapporteur   |                             |
| Consensus:                 | The NAPPO TD volunteered to be the rapporteur   |                             |
| Item 4:                    | Points to consider to speed up review of proposed edits   |                             |
| Consensus:                 | <p>The US delegation proposed three points to discuss with the EG to speed the editing process of the document:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Merge the “Personnel, Records, and Facilities” sections into one section under “Quality System” <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ The US considers that personnel, records and facilities are all about quality systems and therefore these sections in the standard could be grouped under “Quality System”</li> <li>○ Canada agreed to include the “Personnel, Records</li> </ul> </li> </ul> |                             |

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|            | <p>and Facilities” sections under the “Quality System” heading but recognized that it will be valuable to have these sections with individual headings.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Mexico agrees with the proposed point.</li> <li>● Would countries agree that all requirements are applicable to contractors and subcontractors? Is there a need for an independent subcontractor section? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Canada does not support having independent sections for contractors and subcontractors and suggested that a statement should remain in place to make sure that the expectations for contractors and subcontractors are clear. Canada also indicated that the way the standard is written allow the NPPO to determine whether a contractor or subcontractor is needed.</li> <li>○ Mexico is not allowed to have contractors and /or subcontractors. Registered labs should have all the capabilities and resources for the phytosanitary services required by the NPPO.</li> <li>○ The US indicated that the contracting / subcontracting is a provision they would like to see in the standard as the US is expanding the list of accredited entities.</li> </ul> </li> <li>● Would countries prefer to review a list of ISO definitions to be included in RSPM 9 prior to further reviewing the body of the standard? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Canada agrees to review the list of definitions but need to know the source of the definitions provided and if these definitions are part of the ISO 17025.</li> <li>○ Mexico indicated that the list of terms they provided to the group were taken from the ISO 9000 standard. Mexico also indicated that if needed, additional terminology agreed by all members could be added to the regional standard.</li> </ul> </li> </ul> |
| Item 5:    | Face to face meeting  |
| Consensus: | The TD indicated that a face to face meeting could be arranged to finalize the revisions of RSPM 9. A timeline that worked with all group members was established for the second half of April 2019. The Raleigh area was suggested for a two-day face to face meeting. This point will be discussed with the NAPPO ED for a final decision.  |
| Item 6:    | Testing the momentum telecom system   |
| Consensus: | The TD asked for a volunteer to test the momentum telecom system. The system will be used to address the comments made by all three countries during the next conference call.  |

| <b>Next Steps</b>                                   |   |                            |
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| <b>Responsible Person</b>                           | <b>Action</b>   | <b>Date</b>                |
| NAPPO TD  | Schedule a 5-10 min teleconference to test the momentum telecom systems to address comments made to the document. | Week of December 17, 2018. |
| <b>Next Meeting</b>                                 |   |                            |
| Location:   | Conference call   |                            |
| Date:   | January 7, 2019 from 1:00 pm to 2:30 pm EST   |                            |
| <b>Proposed Agenda Items</b>                        |   |                            |
| 1. Introductory remarks and announcements.          |   |                            |
| 2. Review / amend / approve conference call agenda. |   |                            |
| 3. Selection of meeting rapporteur.                 |   |                            |
| 4. Address comments in document.                    |   |                            |
| 5. Next steps.                                      |   |                            |
| 6. Next conference call                             |   |                            |
| 7. Meeting adjourned.                               |   |                            |