NAPPO Conference Call Report

**Expert Group:** Forestry – WPM Evaluation of risk

**Location:** Zoom meeting

**Date:** January 31, 2024

**Chairperson:** Meghan Noseworthy (NR Canada)

**Participants:**
- Eric Allen (Retired CFS)
- Brad Gething (US Industry)
- Arvind Vasudevan (CFIA)
- María Eugenia Guerrero Alarcón (SEMARNAT)
- Scott Geffros (Canada Industry)
- Stephanie Dubon (AMC-USDA)
- Faith Campbell (CISP)
- Leigh Greenwood (TNC)
- John Tyrone Jones (USDA APHIS PPQ)
- Ron Mack (USDA)
- Alonso Suazo (NAPPO)
- Nedelka Marín-Martínez (NAPPO)

**Summary**

**Project:** Evaluation of risk associated with different types of wood packaging material – Opportunities to improve ISPM 15 compliance.

**General comments:** Following welcoming remarks, the NAPPO TD mentioned that two new members will be joining the EG.

**Item 1:** Review agenda

**Consensus:** Agenda accepted. NAPPO TD noted that when the document outline is finalized, the EG must ensure that it mirrors the project proposal.

**Item 2:** Review action item - Collect data (interception, inspection etc.)

**Consensus:**
- Canada (Meghan/ Arvind): data on WPM is limited to Canadian Border Services and CFIA. Different types of WPM are not differentiated. Most WPM inspections focus on bark presence/absence. Focus on dunnage may have more data on this. Action – Meghan and Arvind to follow up with the dunnage PRM group.
- USA (Tyrone): Similar limitations notes; however, it was noted that the type of WPM may be extrapolated by the size/type of commodity recorded. Action: Tyrone to follow up with AQUIMs group to determine what type of data we might access.
- Action: Leigh indicated potential data available from importers in Texas working on dunnage issues.
- Other sources of data: Haack et al. 2009, 2022 (consider distinct data), international logistics companies (Action: Leigh), EPPO (Action: Meghan), NZ (Action: Eric), EU (Action: Brad)
- Mexico (María Eugenia): Action to look into similar data from Mexico.
**Item 3:** Review how documents will be shared  

**Consensus:** The NAPPO TD provided a description of the MS Teams channel.  
- subfolders  
- discussion document folder (Note: previous versions will be within the folder and the most recent version outside of the folder)  
- data folder  
- NAPPO TD will monitor activity and update the Spanish folder regularly  

**Action:** All are to enter a note in the chat box when they are on the MS Teams channel; let Alonso know if you cannot access the channel or folders.

**Item 4:** Project outline discussed

**Proposed outline for the Science and Technology document:**
- Background
- Categories of WPM
- Production processes for each type
- Possible risks associated with each type

**Recommendations for treatment and process improvement for each type**

**Consensus:** EG discussed how to work on the sections. Using MS Teams, a document will be created, and sections expanded on.  

**Action (Scott and Brad):** to work on descriptions and production process for – pallets, crates, spools and dunnage  
**Action (Eric):** to work on background  
**Action (Meghan):** to work on the outline

**Noted – Possible risks associated with each type section should include the size of WPM**

**Item 5:** Next meeting  

**Consensus:** NAPPO TD will send a Doodle poll for the next meeting to occur in approximately one month

### Next Steps

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### Proposed Agenda Items
1. Welcome remarks
2. Updates on data gathering
3. Next steps
4. Next video conference
5. Meeting adjourned