

Plan for the implementation of NAPPO standards

1. Name of Standard

RSPM 38 – Guidelines for the importation of certain wooden and bamboo commodities to NAPPO member countries

2. Country Reporting

Canada

3. Relevant Authority

3.1 Canada:

3.1.1 *Plant Protection Act and Plant Protection Regulations*

Under the authority of the *Act and Regulations*, the Canadian Food Inspection Agency (CFIA) has the mandate to control the importation or entry to Canada of “any thing that is a pest, that is or could be infested with a pest...” This includes commodities made from wood or bamboo which pose a risk for the movement of quarantine pests. Recent ongoing interceptions of a number of different quarantine Scolytidae and Cerambycidae associated with wood and bamboo imports provides technical justification for adopting more stringent phytosanitary measures than are currently prescribed.

3.1.2 Revisions to authority

No revisions to relevant *Act or Regulations* are thought to be required.

4. Obtaining Authority to Adopt the Standard

Changes to Legal Authority: no changes to *Acts or Regulations* are expected to be required.

5. Implementation of Standard

Implementation of RSPM 38 is dependent on revision of administrative requirements prescribed in policy documents. Policy directive D-02-12 - *Import requirements for non-processed wood and other non-propagative wood products, except solid wood packaging material, from all areas other than the continental United States* requires minor amendments to reflect the standards established in RSPM 38, including a review of the commodities currently regulated by Canada and the treatments prescribed for mitigating pest risks.

Proposed timeline: full implementation of the standard by March 2014.