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Organización Norteamericana de Protección a las Plantas

NAPPO Conference Call Report

Expert Group:	ISPM-25 Guidance	
Location:	Zoom meeting (Video conference)	
Date:	February 25, 2021	
Chairperson	Brendon Reardon (APHIS – PPQ)	
Participants:		
Wendy Asbil (CFIA)	Helen Gerson (CBSA)	Erin Stiers (APHIS – PPQ)
Annaliese Blecha (CBP)	Neftali Reyes Carranza (SENASICA)	Nedelka Marín-Martínez (NAPPO)
Christine Villegas (CFIA)	Allan Schepens (US/CA Industry)	Patricia Abad (APHIS -PPQ)
John Ercolani (US Industry)	Francisca de la Cruz (SENASICA)	Alonso Suazo (NAPPO)
Summary		
Project:	Standardization of responsibilities and actions for safeguarding consignments that have transited one NAPPO country to enter another NAPPO country.	
General comments:	The TD and Chairperson welcomed and thanked all EG members for joining the call. The TD agreed to take note and write the conference call report. The agenda was approved as presented.	
Item 1:	Preliminary notes from the Chairperson.	
Consensus:	The Chairperson: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Reminded the EG to send documents for translation to the Secretariat at least one week prior to a conference call.• Indicated that several files were shared by the EG members for discussions during this call.• Noted that pending issues from the last call included the discussions on the communication protocols from Canada and Mexico and suggested that Mexico and Canada present this information during this call.	
Item 2:	Communication protocols from Mexico and Canada.	
Consensus:	Mexico: A presentation detailing the communication protocols was presented by the EG members from Mexico. A scenario of consignments with non-compliance issues from a country outside the NAPPO region (Guatemala) in transit from Mexico to the US was presented and details on the communication plans and protocols were described. These included: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Processes to communicate in each step of the transit scenario, and	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Forms to fill. <p>Canada: Canada outlined and described a scenario for in-transit containers coming from offshore with low and medium pest risk with non-compliance issues at a Canadian port of entry (Prince Rupert at International Falls). The commodities in-transit enter Canada with the United States as the final destination. Details were provided for a commodity that was rejected by the US in the US/Canada border. The communication plans and procedures were outlined and described for each step presented in the flowchart.</p>
Item 3:	Additional scenarios to consider
Consensus:	<p>The chairperson presented an excel datasheet with a comprehensive list of possible scenarios (469 total). The chairperson also:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • indicated that the scenarios could be grouped based on the roles and responsibilities of the parties involved. • provided a detailed description of the database. • encouraged the EG members to examine the data base and determine if the information is accurate and comprehensive. • requested EG members to review the database and prioritize the scenarios. Feedback should be share with the EG before the next conference call. <p>Canada suggested to include the pest risk level as an additional variable to include in the table.</p>
Other subjects	<p>Considerations to include subgroups in the EG</p> <p>The Chairperson:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • informed the EG about the recent meeting with the EG vice-chairs to discuss the possibility of forming subgroups with specific tasks within the EG. • provided detail information about the process to form a subgroup and the processes needed to follow official NAPPO procedures. • indicated that the Secretariat can facilitate the logistics for subgroup meetings. • outlined the importance and benefits of subgroups for the project assigned to the EG. • encouraged members to volunteer to join a subgroup. • indicated the EG will work together on the flowcharts (scenarios) and the subgroups will put together the narrative to produce the final guidance document. • indicated that subgroups will need representation from all three NAPPO countries. Wendy Asbil (CFIA) volunteered to be part of the “writing subgroup”. • explained the possibility of adding Ad-hoc members to the subgroup and emphasize the need to do it through the

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Next Steps		
Responsible Person	Action	Date
EG members	Review database with potential scenarios for the NAPPO region and provide feedback	Before March 25, 2021
EG members	Prioritize the scenarios presented in the "Transit Scenarios database" for each NPPO and share the information with the EG members.	Before March 25, 2021
Chairperson	Draft paragraph informing EG members about the EG subgroups and share with the EG to recruit additional members for the subgroups. This will be discussed in the next conference call.	
Next Meeting		
Location:	Zoom meeting – Video conference	
Date:	March 25, 1:00-2:00 pm EST	
Proposed Agenda Items		
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