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NAPPO Conference Call Report

Expert Group:	Electronic Certification	
Location:	Via conference call and webinar	
Date:	August 22, 2016	
Chairperson:	Christian Dellis, APHIS-PPQ	
Participants:		
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Summary		
Project:	Electronic Certification	
General comments:	<p><i>C. Dellis</i>, working on eCert since 2005 and NA representative for eCert at IPPC; change in EG chairperson to <i>C. Dellis</i>; <i>A. Suazo</i> introduction; <i>D. Hernandez</i>, since 2012 in project dealing with inspection; <i>P. Morales</i>, since 2009 IT issues and ePhyto; <i>K. Church</i>, NAPPO AMC member; <i>J. Richardson</i>, CFIA exports and ePhyto; <i>B. Zak</i>, Canada Wood, advice/guidance to trade associations that export forestry products; with NAPPO as a member since 2006; also Canada Wood phytosanitary website; <i>B. Ford</i> will transition into <i>B. Zak</i>'s role; <i>M. Perry</i> PPQ exports and PC since 2010-2011</p>	
Item 1:	<p>Current status and ongoing issues by country:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mexico – now issuing ePhytos – system works with U.S; no exchange with other countries; transitioning to new provider; in contact with Prakash on structure and with Dellis on necessary changes; technical progress thanks to Giovani; working on IT/email exchange between U.S. and Mexico; digital window capability in the future. • Canada – continuing to develop export system; getting background info. on country commodity – ongoing for the next year. • USA – conversations with Mexico, Peru and Chile - biggest issue – mechanism to transfer Phytos to CBP once PPQ receives them; mechanism needs to be worked out before paperless systems are in place; another big obstacle – 	

	<p>various applications of the schema – some countries are doing double encryption – transport of the message and message itself while U.S. only encrypts transport.</p>
Item 2:	<p>Status of IPPC project</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2 goals – hub development to allow everyone to exchange using same mode; development of generic system to allow those without hub system to exchange • Travel to Ecuador - preparations for generic system – word generic does not translate well – they do have a system!! – we will focus on mapping aspects and demonstrations and lessons learned • IPPC project awarded 1 M from STDF last Oct. but no \$\$ released yet • UN ICC will build hub system – have started work with \$\$ provided by U.S. – background info and requirements being developed – will tell countries how to connect and what type of message to send – we will see this in the next document • Other SG members in Samoa this week; another country for generic system; also Sri Lanka to use the generic system in the pilot.
Consensus:	<p>Questions on the topic? B. Zak - something on timing? Maybe a delay of 5 months from summer to maybe February depending on when \$\$ becomes available.</p>
Item 4 / Asunto 4:	<p>Draft mapping document</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Many questions and comments; working with W. Alessandrini on this • Challenge with interpretations of the schema – not enough information provided. A lot of information on website – was column 4 – the tag – Provide clarity of message • Most useful part – example – what is supposed to display when you use it • EG members look at document and provide comments and questions via email in document itself – with particular attention to re-export • Comments will clarify what everybody is expecting/wanting in the document • Questions on overall approach to mapping? Mexico will review; which version of standard is being used - version 15 • Important to define which version of the standard we are using – 11, 13 now 15 – Mex using 11 then 13 ... U.S using 15 because it includes many things that previous ones did not
Other subjects	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Questions? Comments? EG presentation at NAPPO Annual Meeting? B. Ford and K. Church attending. Mexico will check with their NPPO. Mexico and Canada will provide a few slides on eCert project in their countries; Christian can complete the presentation for the group. • Mexico asks about continuing exchanges with Prakash re. XML changes; Mexico sent inquiry on Aug. 15 – please reply so they can add info to the slides

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • B. Zak, Canada Wood – comments by industry; testing with NPPO as eCert moves forward –remember to mention this as part of the IPPC group • Nico Horn will give an ePhyto update at the Annual Meeting 	
Consensus:		
Next Steps		
Responsible Person	Action	Date
Mexico and Canada to Christian	Information for ecert presentation	Sept. 9th
All EG members	Comments on document	3 weeks – by August 12 th at the latest
Next Meeting		
Location:	Phone and webinar	
Date:	Tuesday Sept. 13 th 11am EST; 10 am Mexico	
Proposed Agenda Items		
1. Review slides provided for eCert presentation for Annual Meeting		
2. Go over comments on the document		
3. Report on trip to Ecuador		