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NAPPO Conference Call Report

Expert Group:	Phytosanitary Alert System	
Location:	Conference call	
Date:	February 10, 2023	
Chairperson	Ignacio Baez (USDA APHIS)	
Participants:		
Alexandre Blain (CFIA)	Rajesh Ramarathnam (CFIA)	Amanda Kaye (USDA APHIS)
Stephanie Bloem (NAPPO)	Alonso Suazo (NAPPO)	Stephanie Dubon (USDA APHIS)
Ana Lilia Montealegre (SENASICA) – did not attend but provided written comments on each agenda item.		

	Summary	
Agenda item 1:	**System performance and maintenance.** Background: the chairperson consulted with EG members to determine if there have been any issues with access and functionality with the PAS. - Canada and US members: reporting having at times slow login and slow upload performance of the website and webpages. - Mexico member: reported not having any problems uploading information (site in Spanish) or getting the information to the NAPPO PAS Chairperson, according to what is indicated in the manual. In the case of Mexico, the information is uploaded in Spanish and NAPPO is in charge of doing the translation and the NAPPO PAS Chairperson uploads it to the PAS. - Other Canada and US members: have not encountered any problems with the site. - NAPPO ED: will compile comments from EG members and draft a message to the contractor to address system issues.	
Agenda item 2:	**EPPO Workshop Pest Reporting** Background: EPPO is organizing a workshop on pest reporting from June 6 to 8, 2023 in the Republic of Georgia. EPPO is inviting NAPPO to develop and deliver a presentation on the NAPPO-PAS as part of the materials for their workshop on Pest Reporting. NAPPO ED offered to present NAPPO's experience. The workshop will be delivered in English. - All members supported the request to develop a presentation for the workshop and have the participation of all members and the Secretariat. - Supported the idea of doing a pre-recorded presentation to avoid any network difficulties that may arise. - There was a suggestion of possibly having two presentations: one on the system, and a second on how each NAPPO country prepares an official pest report. Alternatively proposed, have	

	one presentation with two parts, and have a slide to describe each country's process. Can also work on developing a flow chart for the process. • In addition to the process, highlight that notifications on a pest can also be on regulatory actions a country takes. • Also was suggested that we could split the presentation and have each member record a part to explain their country's process as appropriate. • In addition to the presentation, also develop a PDF hand-out to provide additional information to the workshop participants. • Final approach will be determined once an agenda is provided by EPPO.
Agenda item 3:	**Proposal to review the NAPPO PAS** Background: The PAS provides two products: Official Pest Reports (OPR) and Emerging Pest Alerts (EPA). While the process and implementation of sharing OPRs through PAS are successful, the development of EPAs through the PAS has not been as active since 2019. What aspects are working and what areas can improve? Assess the value of EPA (NPPO, region, international). How can we re-activate the use of Emerging Pest Alerts? • NAPPO ED: Very frequently the Secretariat receives letters from Mexico's NPPO alerting about interceptions of Khapra beetle in containers or products detected by Mexico. This information is then shared among NAPPO countries. But this is information that could also be shared via the EPA. A second example – Canada and the U.S. have the vessel verification program of *Lymantria dispar.* When flight periods are starting, this can be informed to Mexico via EPA. • Canada member: pointed out that those examples are of known pests of concern actively being regulated. They do not fit the term of emerging pest, although this type of information would be useful to share among NAPPO countries. May consider a way in the system to notify but not as EPA. • NAPPO ED: It was noted that while "emerging pest" is yet to be defined as a phytosanitary term, the PAS does have the capabilities to adjust the term of emerging pest alert. • NAPPO ED & TD: There are other examples that do fit the "emerging pest" concept – like *Tuta absoluta* and *Fusarium oxysporum* f.sp. *cubense* Race 4 • U.S. member: noted that the resource used for the development of EPA is time-consuming. Agreed that to review the PAS, make sure the information provided is useful for the member countries, know how the information is useful, and what happens when the information is received. • Mexico member: noted that EPAs are important. However, because the alerts are on external news or information, the three country members do not have someone to review this information. To reactivate the use of EPA, a report will need to be generated, but there will be the need for someone to find the information. Additionally, the IPPC Strategic Plan 2020-2030

	proposes a Pest Outbreak Alert and Response System (POARS), if IPPC generates such a global system of emerging pests, then what use would the EPA part of the NAPPO PAS be for? Would we have to eliminate that part of the PAS? Or could the NAPPO PAS serve as an example for the system developed by the IPPC? • NAPPO TD: noted that data mining is a complicated process that involves collecting the information but also assessing it. • Canada member: to advance partnerships and collaboration, we could link EPPO into NAPPO PAS, and vice versa, to raise awareness on what is of concern for a region. Criteria can be developed to determine what information can be further assessed. • Chair: proposed scheduling an additional call to continue the discussion.

Next Steps		
Responsible Person	**Action**	**Date**
NAPPO Secretariat	Agenda Item 1. Draft a message to the contractor to address system issues.	17-Feb-2023
NAPPO Secretariat	Agenda Item 2. Check with EPPO on an agenda to help prepare the presentation and ask if NAPPO participants need to register.	17- Feb -2023
Chair	Agenda Item 3: coordinate with NAPPO TD to schedule a call to continue the discussion.	17- Feb -2023
Location:	Teleconference	
Date:	To be determined.	
Proposed Agenda Items		
1. Continue the discussion on the review of the NAPPO PAS system on Emerging Pest Alerts 2. Plan for the NAPPO presentation for the EPPO Workshop on Pest Reporting		