Implementation Plan

1. Name of Standard

RSPM 34 - Guidelines for the Development of Phytosanitary Treatment Protocols for Arthropod Pests of Fresh Fruits and Vegetables.

2. Country Reporting

Canada

3. Relevant Authority

3.1 Current Authority

Plant Protection Act and Plant Protection Regulations

3.2 Revisions to Authority

None Required.

4. Obtaining Authority to Adopt the Standard

Changes to Legal Authority

No changes to the *Act* or *Regulations* are required. No revisions to Policy Directives are required.

5. Implementation of Standard

CFIA expects to use the provisions contained in RSPM 34 when working with research scientists and other stakeholders in the development of phytosanitary treatment protocols against pests of fruits and vegetables. However, if evidence to support the use of new treatment protocols is already available, these new protocols may be submitted for review to the CFIA's Plant Health Risk Assessment Unit to ensure they are indeed effective in mitigating the phytosanitary risk.

This standard will be proposed as guidelines, for use when developing treatment protocols that will be useful for the trade of fruits and vegetables among the NAPPO countries. The CFIA also intends to recommend the standard to countries outside the NAPPO area intending to export fresh fruit and vegetables to Canada that require a treatment as a risk mitigating measure.