



# NAPPO

North American Plant Protection Organization  
Organización Norteamericana de Protección a las Plantas

## NAPPO Conference Call Report

Expert Group:	Forestry – WPM Evaluation of risk	
Location:	Zoom meeting	
Date:	May 21, 2024	
Chairperson	Meghan Noseworthy (NR Canada)	
Participants:		
Samuel Podlipsky (Mexico Industry)	Brad Gething (USA Industry)	Arvind Vasudevan (CFIA)
Scott Geffros (Canada Industry)	Enrique Negrete (Mexico Industry)	Faith Campbell (CISP)
Leigh Greenwood (US industry)	John Tyrone Jones (USDA APHIS PPQ)	Ron Mack (USDA)
Alonso Suazo (NAPPO)	Nedelka Marín-Martínez (NAPPO)	Tanya Staffen (CFIA-NAPPO AMC member)
Eric Allen (Retired NR Can)	Katia Aguilar (Mexico Industry)	
<b>Summary</b>		
Project:	Evaluation of risk associated with different types of wood packaging material – Opportunities to improve ISPM 15 compliance.	
General comments:	Welcoming remarks and review of agenda	
Item 1:	Updates on development of background, category descriptions, and other data sources– All	
Consensus:	<p>Eric developed a background description condensing 10-20 years into a few paragraphs.</p> <p><b>Action Item:</b> The EG to review to see if they disagree with anything.</p> <p>Meghan's group did a literature search for ISPM 15 data analyses and provided a summary to be added to the draft S&amp;T document for the EG to review.</p>	
Item 2:	NAPPO MS Teams channel accessibility	
Consensus:	<p>Still some EG members cannot access Teams to share documents. The group considered other options for sharing, such as Google Docs for document creation. Issues regarding government firewalls were discussed.</p> <p><b>Action Item:</b> Alonso will create a Google Docs folder and send a link for the EG to share materials and develop the Science and Technology document.</p>	

Item 3:	WPM terminology sub-group update	
Consensus:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Leigh noted that there are emerging issues in the US regarding inconsistencies in grouping materials e.g. dunnage and shipborne dunnage.</li><li>- Inconsistencies in the way data was captured seem to have started in 2019.</li><li>- EG agreed not to use data that doesn't use ISPM 5 definitions</li><li>- Brad noted that there is an overall terminology challenge for some categories (not pallets, crates, but things described that are outside of the clearly defined units)</li><li>- EG agreed to use the categories listed in ISPM 15</li><li>- Tyrone noted that we can do some sleuthing to determine the type of WPM based on what commodity it is associated with</li><li>- EG discussed the difference between dunnage and shipborne dunnage and agreed that shipborne dunnage stays on the ship in all three countries</li><li>- Arvind noted that in Canada, shipborne dunnage is recognized as having a higher risk; as such, it is recommended to be containerized if remaining on the ship</li><li>- Faith inquired about the data on risk analysis associated with Canada's new shipborne dunnage program. The decision was based on the literature available.</li></ul>	
Item 5:	Next meeting	
Consensus:	NAPPO TD will send a doodle poll for the next meeting to occur in approximately one month.	
Next Steps		
Responsible Person	Action	Date
NAPPO Secretariat	Set up a Google Docs folder to share information and develop the NAPPO Science and Technology Document	
EG	Review ISPM 15 background description and literature review	
Scott/Brad	Continue to work on WPM category descriptions and production	
Next Meeting		
Location:	Zoom meeting	
Date:	September 2024 from 2:00-3:00 pm EST	
Proposed Agenda Items		
1. Welcome remarks		

2. Updates on WPM definitions, descriptions, and other data sources
3. Review accessibility to Google Docs and review the background and literature search sections
4. Next steps
5. Next video conference
6. Meeting adjourned