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

NAPPO Zoom meeting report

Expert Group:	Revision of RSPM 26	
Location:	Zoom meeting	
Date:	July 16, 2024	
Chairperson	Bruno Gallant (CFIA)	
Participants:		
Vicente Rosas Medina (SENASICA)	Kimberly Riley (Canada Industry)	Keith Hopper (USDA ARS)
Brian Spencer (Canada Industry)	Eric Rohring (APHIS-PPQ)	Kirk Martin (APHIS PPQ)
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Summary		
Project:	Revision of RSPM 26 (<i>Certification of commercial arthropod biological control agents moving into NAPPO member countries</i>)	
General comments:	Position of the Background study paper regarding revision of RSPM 26	
Item 1:	Welcome remarks and meeting agenda	
Consensus:	The NAPPO Technical Director welcomed the EG members. The agenda was approved as presented.	
Item 2:	Continue discussions on the next steps regarding RSPM 26	
Consensus:	<p>After a thorough discussion, the EG arrived at the following four options:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Maintain the status quo, i.e., maintain RSPM 26 in its current format and content (except for removing non-<i>Apis</i> pollinators from its scope).2. Archive RSPM 26, i.e., remove it from the NAPPO's list of active RSPMs (an NPPO or other interested party may nonetheless continue to adopt its guidance as it deems valuable and appropriate).3. Replace RSPM 26 with a NAPPO Guidance Document specific to biological control agents that provides information such as on each NPPOs' import and related	

	<p>document requirements (with reference to lists of approved biological control agents) and guidance for meeting these requirements including possible best practices (this option archives RSPM 26 and likely requires a follow-up project proposal on a guidance document by the expert group that will need prioritization by the NAPPO AMC and approval by the NAPPO EC). Submitting a project proposal does not guarantee approval by the Executive Committee.</p> <p>4. Update RSPM 26 by removing non-Apis pollinators from its scope, broadening the guidance to focus on shared objectives, and including appendices on topics such as those described above for option 3 (this option is like option 3, but instead incorporates guidance into an updated RSPM 26 and maintains follow-up work within the same project proposal). The appendix can be amended as proposed by the expert group (every year or two years, etc.) and approved by the AMC, but the standard is revised every 5 years.</p>	
Item 3:	Next steps	
Consensus:	The EG members will review these four options and will determine the most suitable at their next meeting	
Next Steps		
Responsible Person	Action	Date
EG members	Review the four options stated to determine the most suitable	
Next Meeting		
Location:	Conference call	
Date:	July 30, 2024	
Proposed Agenda Items		
1. Discuss options for next steps		