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NAPPO Zoom Meeting Report

Expert Group:	Revision of RSPM 8 (Authorization of individuals to issue phytosanitary certificates).	
Location:	Zoom meeting	
Date:	September 2, 2025	
Chairperson	Anna Birmingham (CFIA)	
Participants:		
Alexandra Graham (CFIA)	Tanya Staffen (CFIA and AMC member)	Stephanie Dubon (APHIS PPQ and AMC member)
Michael Perry (APHIS PPQ)	Terrance Wells (APHIS PPQ)	Alonso Suazo (NAPPO)

Summary

Project:	Revision of NAPPO Regional Standard 8 (RSPM 8: Authorization of individuals to issue phytosanitary certificates)
General comments:	<p>The EG discussed the logistics of revising RSPM 8, an outline for the project's completion, and timelines.</p> <p>Logistics. The Technical Director stated that not all EG members have confirmed access to the EG Teams channel, a platform that will be used for collaborative work. Some experts requested that the link be resent.</p> <p>Revision work. RSPM 8 was last revised in 2013. The current revision work will focus on aligning RSPM 8 with IPPC ISPM 7 and 12, as well as aligning the terminology with that of ISPM 5 and RSPM 5. This will facilitate the identification of gaps and duplications in the RSPM. The work is expected to be completed within one year, as a revised draft must undergo a 60-day country consultation, incorporate additional discussions on the consultation comments, and receive final approval from the executive committee.</p> <p>The ISPM 7 appendix is currently being developed. Stephanie Dubon (U.S. AMC member and IPPC Standard Committee member) will provide an update on the status of the specification.</p> <p>The revision of the ISPM 12 specification is under public consultation and the project might be completed in 5-7 years.</p> <p>Clarifying scope. ePhyto refers solely to cross-border XML schema transmission, not signatures or internal certification processes. The standard should prioritize ACO assessment regardless of whether it is on paper or electronic.</p>

Other subjects	NAPPO Annual Meeting. The Technical Director informed the EG that a project update should be presented at the NAPPO annual meeting scheduled to take place in Ottawa, Canada, from October 21-24. The deadline to submit the presentation to the Secretariat is October 3, 2025. The TD will also provide a copy of the PowerPoint template and mentioned that the presentation could be delivered as a pre-recorded presentation if no EG member can present in person.	
Next Steps		
Responsible Person	Action	Date
Alonso Suazo	Resend MS Teams channel link to the EG	
Anna Birmingham	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Proposed revised scope language emphasizing ACO assessment independent of electronic or paper transmission.Create and share an editable spreadsheet in Teams listing tasks, owners, and tentative timelines for the revision of RSPM 8.	
Stephanie Dubon	Provide an update on the status of ISPM 7 annex/specification to the EG.	
Alonso Suazo	Share PowerPoint template with the EG for the EG update presentation for the NAPPO Annual Meeting.	
Next Meeting		
Location:	Zoom meeting.	
Date:	The TD will send a poll to the EG.	
Proposed Agenda Items		
1. Welcome remarks – Chairperson and TD		
2. Welcome and introduction to new EG members from Mexico		
3. Review action items		
4. Next steps on the revision of RSPM 8		
5. Other business		
6. Next meeting		
7. Meeting adjourned		