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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:	December 1st, 2025	
Chairperson	Anna Birmingham (CFIA)	
Participants:		
Alexandra Graham (CFIA)	Tanya Staffen (CFIA and AMC member)	Edgar Reyes (SENASICA)
Beatriz Jiménez (SENASICA)	Javier Trujillo (NAPPO)	Terrance Wells (APHIS PPQ)
Nedelka Marín-Martínez (NAPPO)	Alonso Suazo (NAPPO)	
Summary		
Project:	Revision of NAPPO Regional Standard 8 (RSPM 8: Authorization of individuals to issue phytosanitary certificates)	
General comments:	The expert group members introduced themselves and welcomed the new members from Mexico, following the introductory remarks by the group chairperson and the NAPPO TD.	
Other subjects	<p>Review and confirm the relevance of the revision of RSPM 8 with new expert group members from Mexico. The chairperson outlined Canada's and the U.S.'s positions and requested Mexico's stance on the following aspects related to the revision of RSPM 8:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• The revision work should focus on the Authorized Certification Official (ACO)• RSPM 8 should be compared with ISPM 12 and ISPM 7 to identify redundancies and gaps.• RSPM 8 terminology should be aligned with RSPM 5 and ISPM 5. <p>Revision work. The EG:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• agreed with the chairperson's proposal to review the standard section by section.• Agreed to follow the proposed chronogram of activities presented as a Gantt chart to complete the project by the end of 2026.• Agreed to schedule recurrent meetings every 3 weeks from the date of the next meeting in mid-December 2025. <p>The TD encouraged EG members to provide feedback on the Gantt diagram and suggested using the EG Teams channel for collaborative work.</p>	

Next Steps		
Responsible Person	Action	Date
Alonso Suazo	Send MS Teams Channel Links to new EG members	
Alonso Suazo	Send a poll to schedule the next meeting with the EG. The options include December 17, 18, and 19 from 2:00 to 3:00 p.m. EST. Recurrent meetings will be scheduled every three weeks from the next date.	
EG members	Follow up on the revision of RSPM 8 (Suggested sections): <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Introduction• Scope	Dec 18th
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. Review/ approve agenda		
3. Revision of the introduction and scope of RSPM 8		
4. Other business		
5. Next steps		
6. Next meeting		
7. Meeting adjourned		