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NAPPO Conference Call Report

Expert Group:	Electronic Phytosanitary Certification (eCert)	
Location:	Conference call	
Date:	June 29, 2018	
Chairperson:	Christian Dellis (APHIS PPQ)	
Participants:		
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Summary		
Project:	Electronic Certification	
General comments:	Chairperson requested to provide the following updates to the EG: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Industry updates • Country updates • IPPC updates 	
Item 1:	Industry updates	
Consensus:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Trying to put in place industry case studies to determine what kind of obstacles are encountered in the different steps of the process with the current system. These case studies are done with countries that are exchanging through the hub. • The industry can provide documentation from large companies that could help with the case studies. • More countries are expected to participate in the exchange system using the hub. This will facilitate the development of industry case studies. • Industry representative offered to provide the names of a couple of companies that might be interested in participating in these case studies. 	
Item 2:	Country updates	

<p>Consensus:</p>	<p>Canada.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Making changes with the certificates – going with the WTO notification very soon. • Going through approval changes in the forms (minor editorial changes). • When the system is fully implemented, all plant health issues will be done at once (all countries and all commodities). • Working on government to government trade strategy. • System based on commodity approach will be implemented in the fall. The system will be implemented for plant and animal health and food. The system will start with dairy and then it will move to live animals and plants. <p>Mexico.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mexico is ready with the electronic certification with plants and is working on the eCert with animals. • Waiting to have full access to the IPPC system. <p>United States.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Chairperson explained that one of the main problems with the system has been the delivery of email messages from countries requesting access to the hub through their official IPPC contact point. If the official IPPC contact point does not approve the request, the country requesting access to the system cannot get on board. • US is currently live exchanging eCerts with Argentina through the IPPC hub (incoming and outgoing). • NZ will be ready in mid July 2018. • Chile will be ready in August 2018. • Hopefully, 4 countries will be ready and exchanging through the IPPC hub by the end of the summer. • Exposing the phytos to the CBP once the phytos have been received by PPQ is one of the last remaining pieces in the US before we can go paperless. PPQ is working with CBP so that the information the industry will have to provide will only be the phyto number and the country it came from.
<p>Item 3:</p>	<p>Updates from the IPPC -HUB.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • IPPC sent a note to all contracting parties announcing that the Hub is available now. • Norway, Fiji and Mexico have started the process since the IPPC sent the official notification that the hub is open for business. • Pilot work with the hub has officially concluded. • Work has been done updating the mapping project. • From the hub – Links have been established in the hub administration console for all the documents (mapping,

	<p>code lists) to facilitate the search of information.</p> <p>Updates from the IPPC – Generic System.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • System will be piloted in late August / early September with Sri Lanka, Samoa and Ghana being the first three countries to participate. • Developers are implementing a validation tool (notifications based on text messages to inform what are the problems each country is facing) based on the challenges other countries have faced with the mapping. This will aid countries joining the hub and ensure that the message from the Generic System is compatible with the countries already utilizing the hub. • Pilot should conclude early next year. • Seventy (70) countries around the world may use the generic system (based on a survey done and discussions with countries) and once they get on board, they will be able to exchange with anybody that is already in the hub. • Ongoing activities <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Webinar with the Caribbean countries next month. Re: projects and timeframes. ○ Spanish speaking workshop in Buenos Aires will be hosted by Argentina in September. A live demo of ePhyto exchanges with Argentina, Chile and the US will be performed. This workshop will focus on the technical component of the system. ○ NAPPO annual meeting in October – Live ePhyto exchange demo between the US and Argentina will be performed. ○ Near East Plant Protection Organization (NEPPO) and the Inter-African Phytosanitary Council (IAPSC) are planning for a similar workshop as Argentina’s workshop in November.
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Next Steps

Responsible person	Action	Date
Industry	Provide information of 3 companies to participate in case studies related to the electronic certification project.	Not determined
NAPPO Secretariat	Send Doodle Poll for the next conference call the last week of August to first week of September.	Not determined

Next Meeting

Location:	Conference call
Date:	Pending Doodle poll results

Proposed Agenda Items

1. Industry Updates
2. Country Updates
3. IPPC Project Updates