



# NAPPO

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

## NAPPO Conference Call Report

Expert Group:	Biological Control	
Location:	Conference call	
Date:	October 23, 2019	
Chairperson	Peter Mason (Agriculture and Agri Food Canada)	
<b>Participants:</b>		
Melissa Tacolla (US industry)	Brian Spencer (Canadian industry)	Bruno Gallant (CFIA)
Thierry Poiré (CFIA)	Kirk Martin (USDA APHIS)	Ron Weeks (APHIS PPQ)
Alonso Suazo (NAPPO Secretariat)	Nedelka Marín-Martínez (NAPPO Secretariat)	
<b>Regrets:</b>		
Antolín Díaz Voss (Mexican industry)	Hugo Arredondo (SENASICA)	Gustavo Torres (SENASICA)
Rene Ruitter (US industry)	Robert Pfannenstiel (APHIS PPQ)	John Goolsby (USDA ARS)
<b>Summary</b>		
Project:	Discuss agenda provided by Peter Mason (Chairperson)	
General comments:	Participants introduced themselves to the EG.	
Item 1:	Review RSPM 22 comments from researchers and develop a RSPM 22 document with proposed changes for further discussion.	
Consensus:	Regulator subgroup reviewed comments from researchers and developed a draft document with proposed changes (see item 3 below).	
Item 2:	Draft Biological Control EG PowerPoint slide for NAPPO annual meeting presentation.	
Consensus:	The chair drafted the presentation and it was circulated to EG members for comment. The final version is with the NAPPO Secretariat and will be presented at the Annual Meeting in Montreal on 29 <sup>th</sup> October.	
Item 3:	Update Appendix II of RSPM 26, add any new approved agents, update taxonomy.	
Consensus:	Canada has reviewed and updated the taxonomic names. Regulators in Canada, Mexico and the United States should discuss the Appendix to determine what should be included.	

Item 4:	Preparation of 2019 country reports on regulatory, research and industry updates.	
Consensus:	Participants were reminded that these are annual updates and show be completed by December 15, 2019.	
Item 5:	Upcoming meetings relevant to biological control for NAPPO newsletter.	
Consensus:	Submissions can be made anytime by sending an email to the NAPPO Secretariat. The deadline for the November 2019 newsletter is end of October. The <i>2<sup>nd</sup> International Congress on Biological Control</i> is planned for 26-30 April 2021 in Davos, Switzerland.	
Item 6:	Review of RSPM 22	
Consensus:	<p>Comments submitted by the research subgroup were reviewed by the regulator subgroup and a draft document developed with inclusion of proposed changes that focus on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) containment rather than regulatory aspects or that might pertain to RSPM 7 and 12;</li> <li>b) the 'Why' as opposed to the 'How' of containment;</li> <li>c) not being too prescriptive (i.e. details of construction materials);</li> <li>d) minimizing repetition.</li> </ul> <p>Agreement was made that greenhouses can be part of a containment facility, the 'screenhouse' would be dropped, and that containment of pathogens is a different issue and should be addressed by a separate RSPM. It was also noted that contingency plans for disaster response are in the regulatory realm (i.e. certification conditions). A face-to-face meeting of the Biological Control EG was proposed to finalize the text of the RSPM.</p>	
Item 7:	Cross-border movement of native biological control species	
Consensus:	There is a need to determine how to facilitate the cross-border movement of commercially produced biological control agents that are native to and widespread in North America. Should these species be put on a 'white list'? Should Appendix II of RSPM 26 be considered as a 'white list'. Further discussion of these questions could be made at a face-to-face meeting of the Biological Control EG.	
<b>Next Steps</b>		
<b>Responsible Person</b>	<b>Action</b>	<b>Date</b>
EG members regulator subgroup	Incorporation of additional RSPM 22 comments into the draft document for discussion during the next conference call, January 23, 2020.	November 30, 2019
NAPPO Secretariat	Translate revised RSPM 22 document for discussion during next conference call, January 23, 2020.	January 1, 2020
P. Mason	Propose to the NAPPO Executive Group that a face-to-face meeting of the Biological Control EG be held	November 30, 2019

	in spring 2020 (planned around other NAPPO activities). Agenda to include finalizing RSPM 22, discussion of RSPM 26 Appendix II, country reports, other topics proposed by NAPPO and EG members.	
Regulators/Researchers	Update Appendix II of RSPM 26, add any new approved agents, update taxonomy	January 23, 2020
EG members	Provide 2019 annual reports on regulatory, research and industry updates. The NAPPO Secretariat will send reminders 2 months prior to the deadline.	December 15, 2019
EG members	Provide information on upcoming meetings relevant to biological control for NAPPO newsletter.	February, June, October
<b>Next Meeting</b>		
Location:	Conference call	
Date:	January 23, 2020 at 2:00pm EDT	
<b>Proposed Agenda Item</b>		
1. The agenda for the next conference call meeting will be provided by the EG Chairperson to all EG members prior to the scheduled conference call date.		