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

NAPPO Conference Call Report

Expert Group:	Alternatives to methyl bromide	
Location:	Zoom meeting	
Date:	June 5, 2024	
Chairperson	Bob Baca (USDA APHIS PPQ)	
Participants:		
Naima Ait Oumejjout (CFIA)	Vincent Hervet (Agr. Can)	Adnan Uzonovic (Canadian Industry)
Erin LeClair (CFIA)	Ron Mack (USDA APHIS PPQ)	Spencer Walse (USDA APHIS PPQ)
Rachel King (USDA APHIS PPQ)	Israel Cueto Espinosa (SENASICA)	Victor Manuel Gutiérrez Palomares (SENASICA)
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Alonso Suazo (NAPPO)		

Summary

Project:	Development of a NAPPO discussion document to share information regarding alternative treatments for MeBr, with a possible goal of creating an agreed position aligned to international standards.
Item 1:	Overview and reminder of project goals
Consensus:	<p>The chairperson:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Suggested the EG to finish the first draft of the discussion document by October (before the NAPPO Annual Meeting). - Indicated that the draft document can be simplified. The TD reminded the EG that it should reflect a regional approach to alternatives to methyl bromide use. - Proposed to complete, by July 1st, the sections of the draft document that need more information including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Identifying priority uses of methyl bromide in each NAPPO country. Priority uses of methyl bromide depend on the country where methyl bromide is used and the commodity for which they are used. o Section 4: Policies related to the use of methyl bromide. o Section 7: Include conclusions and recommendations. - Proposed the following work plan: 1) complete the information on the draft document by July 1, 2) allow the Secretariat to update and translate the document for discussion during the next Zoom meeting and form a writing subgroup that will work on the document, 3) allow

	<p>the writing subgroup to continue the work on the draft document.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Informed and provided clarifications with the NAPPO TD about the specific roles and work of the writing subgroup. - Indicated the writing subgroup: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o will have representation of one member from each NAPPO country. o Will schedule meetings to work on the draft document o Will collaborate with the NAPPO Secretariat on the logistics for the writing subgroup meetings. o Will address comments provided in the document and leave the comment boxes for the entire EG to approve the changes. o Will make any necessary changes to the document as needed. o Will determine when a version of the draft document is ready for the EG to review and approve. <p>EG members provided additional feedback including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - adding more information on systems approaches and EDN. - Suggestions for rearranging sections of the document <p>The chairperson and the TD requested volunteers to form the writing subgroup. The following EG members volunteered:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Israel Cueto (SENASICA) - Bob Baca (USDA-APHIS-PPQ and EG Chairperson) - Adnan Uzonovic (Canada Industry) - Naima Ait Oumejjout (CFIA) - Vincent Hervet (Agr. Canada) - Rachel King (USDA-APHIS-PPQ) <p>The chairperson and TD thanked the EG members who volunteered to be part of the writing subgroup.</p>
Item 2:	EG participation in the NAPPO annual meeting.
Consensus:	<p>Stephanie Dubon (NAPPO AMC member – APHIS PPQ) provided the following information about the NAPPO AM:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Annual meeting will take place from October 22-24 in Tucson, Arizona. - The US will send a delegation but does not guarantee that all US expert group members will be authorized to participate in the annual meeting. - A symposium will include alternatives to methyl bromide as a topic. This will provide an opportunity for some EG members to participate.
Item 3:	Next steps

Consensus:	The EG agreed to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Complete the information in the draft document by July 1, 2024. - Discuss the updated document and allow the writing subgroup to continue drafting the discussion document. 	
Other subjects	The chairperson inquired with the TD about a possible collaboration with the QUADS because there is overlapping information between the QUADS and NAPPO. The TD will inquire with the NAPPO AMC and provide an answer in the next meeting with the EG.	
Next Steps		
Responsible Person	Action	Date
EG	Add information in the draft document as indicated in item 1 of this report.	July 1 st
NAPPO Secretariat	Compile new information added to the draft document, translate it, and share it with the EG at least one week before the next EG Zoom meeting.	
NAPPO TD	Discuss with the NAPPO AMC a possible collaboration with the QUADS. Inform the EG in the July 15, 2024, meeting.	Before July 15, 2024.
Next Meeting		
Location:	Zoom meeting	
Date:	July 15 from 2:00 to 3:00 pm EST	
Proposed Agenda		
1. Discuss the updated draft document.		
2. Set a work plan for the writing sub-group.		
3. Inform about the decision on collaboration with QUADS.		
4. Next steps		
5. Other business		