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Organización Norteamericana de Protección a las Plantas

NAPPO Conference Call Report

Expert Group:	ISPM 25 Guidance	
Location:	Zoom meeting – Video conference	
Date:	March 25, 2021	
Chairperson	Brendon Reardon (APHIS – PPQ)	
Participants:		
Christine Villegas (CFIA)	Patricia Abad (APHIS – PPQ)	Fan Wang (APHIS – PPQ)
Greg Yielding (US industry)	John Ercolani (US Industry)	Neftali Reyes Carranza (SENASICA)
Francisca de La Cruz Martínez (SENASICA)	Evans Moss (US industry)	Nedelka Marín-Martínez (NAPPO)
Helen Gerson (CBSA)	Stephanie Bloem (NAPPO)	Allan Schepens (US/CA industry)
Alonso Suazo (NAPPO)		
Summary		
Project:	Standardization of responsibilities and actions for safeguarding consignments that have transited one NAPPO country to enter another NAPPO country.	
General comments:	<p>The chairperson and the TD welcomed and thanked EG members for joining the call.</p> <p>The TD agreed to take notes and write the conference call report.</p> <p>The agenda was approved as presented.</p> <p>The chairperson inquired about previous meeting minutes. The TD indicated that some delays have been experienced in making the reports available online, but the reports have been written and will be available soon in the NAPPO website.</p> <p>Following welcome remarks, the chairperson welcomed Ms. Fan Wang-Cahill, the new EG member from APHIS – PPQ. Ms. Fan Wang-Cahill briefly introduced herself to the group and indicated she is the new APHIS – PPQ trade director for Canada, Costa Rica, and Panama. All members in the call welcomed Ms. Wang-Cahill and introduced themselves.</p>	
Item 1:	Prioritization of transit scenarios	
Consensus:	The chairperson asked EG members to provide their feedback on the “scenario spreadsheet” and to give their position as a country on what their priority scenarios are. The chairperson indicated that the EG could also determine the low priority	

scenarios in future conference calls. The EG agreed on this approach.

Prioritization of scenarios

Canada: Christine Villegas described the “in-transit document” she shared with the expert group with comments on the in-transit scenarios spreadsheet and indicated that:

- The most important factor to consider for Canada is the pest risk level.
- For non-compliance issues, the pest risk is categorized as low, medium and high.
- The categorization level will determine the type of regulatory and phytosanitary action Canada will take. Examples were provided for each risk category.
- Some scenarios are not applicable to Canada in the spreadsheet (US-MX Scenarios, for example).
- Examples of high priority cases are provided in the document.

United States: The chairperson provided a description of a scenario for the in-transit movement of non-compliant commodities from Canada to the US putting an emphasis in non-compliance wood packaging material as a priority scenario.

Mexico: Neftali Reyes indicated that:

- Mexico’s most common scenario is for products coming from Guatemala, in-transit in Mexico and with destination to the United States.
- Because Mexico has a phytosanitary requirement form available, the process for in-transit commodities is more user friendly.
- Mexico checks only the paperwork of in-transit commodities.

Christine Villegas indicated that the prioritization is relative to the entities. For the NPPOs it is a phytosanitary issue, for the industry is the multimodality of the transportation system and for customs the priority might be different. The group should consider the priorities of all these entities.

Industry perspective:

- Industry is concerned about communication issues between NPPOs and the industry that can affect the efficiency of the in-transit movement of commodities.
- Industry will provide more information during the April conference call with the EG.
- The industry also noted that the early identification of non-compliance issues and rapid responses and communication to these non-compliances is a priority

	issue.	
	The chairperson will send an email summarizing the discussions in relation to the prioritization of scenarios.	
Item 2:	Writing subgroup	
Consensus:	The chairperson thanked the EG that have already volunteered to participate in the “writing subgroup” (Neftali Reyes, Wendy Asbil and Erin Stiers). The chairperson asked for one industry member to volunteer to work in the drafting of the document as part of the writing subgroup. Francisca de la Cruz also joined the writing subgroup.	
Next Steps		
Responsible Person	Action	Date
EG members- Industry	Provide feedback on the in-transit scenarios and what the prioritizations are for the industry (most important scenarios).	
Next Meeting		
Location:	Zoom meeting (Video conference)	
Date:	April 28 from 1:00 to 2:00 pm EST	
Proposed Agenda		
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