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**Justification statement to archive RSPM 17 - *Guidelines for the establishment, maintenance and verification of fruit fly free areas in North America.***

The NAPPO RSPM 17 Expert Group (Mireille Marcotte, Neil Henry and Heather Cumming - CFIA, Canada; Ken Bloem, Sarah A Marnell and Walt Gould - APHIS PPQ, USA; Michael R. Bush - Washington State Dept. of Ag., USA; Francisco Hernández López - SENASICA, MX; and Fred Scarlett, Jim Reynolds and Jim Cranney - US Industry), was tasked by the NAPPO Secretariat in May 2019 to review and update RSPM 17 *Guidelines for the establishment, maintenance and verification of fruit fly free areas in North America.* The EG met by teleconference on four occasions between May-Nov. 2019. Discussions considered the following options:

1. Maintain RSPM 17 as it currently existed but updating it to include relevant recent references.
2. Expand RSPM 17 by updating references and transitioning to a manual-type document that better discusses some of the key tactics of PFAs such as trapping strategies, pest status, and official host lists.
3. Archive RSPM 17 and refer interested parties to newer similar standards adopted by the IPPC.

The EG unanimously agreed to archive RSPM 17. Members from all three member countries agreed that more comprehensive international standards have been adopted by the IPPC that effectively build-on and supersede RSPM 17. The most relevant of these is ISPM 26 *Establishment of pest free areas for fruit flies (Tephritidae)*. Official communications from the three NAPPO member countries confirmed that quarantine actions in the three NPPOs now reference ISPM 26 rather than RSPM 17. Furthermore, the IPPC Implementation and Capacity Development Committee (IC) has recently published a *Guide for Establishing and Maintaining Pest Free Areas*.

Additional ISPMs relevant to this topic include:

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| ISPM 4  | <i>Requirements for the establishment of pest free areas</i>   |
| ISPM 8  | <i>Determination of pest status in an area</i>   |
| ISPM 10 | <i>Requirements for the establishment of pest free places of production and pest free production sites</i> |
| ISPM 22 | <i>Requirements for the establishment of areas of low pest prevalence</i>                                  |
| ISPM 29 | <i>Recognition of pest free areas and areas of low pest prevalence</i>                                     |
| ISPM 37 | <i>Determination of host status of fruit to fruit flies (Tephritidae)</i>                                  |