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

NAPPO Conference Call Report

Expert Group:	ISPM-25 Guidance	
Location:	Zoom meeting	
Date:	August 17, 2020	
Chairperson	Brendon Reardon (APHIS-PPQ)	
Participants:		
Wendy Asbil (CFIA)	Christine Villegas (CFIA)	Helen Gerson (CBSA)
Shelah Morita (APHIS-PPQ)	Erin Stiers (APHIS-PPQ)	Annaliese Blecha (CBP)
Neftali Reyes Carranza (SENASICA)	Francisca de la Cruz Martínez (SENASICA)	Allan Shepens (Canada Industry)
John Ercolani (US Industry)	Evan Moss (US Industry)	Patricia Abad (APHIS-PPQ)
Stephanie Bloem (NAPPO)	Nedelka Marín-Martínez (NAPPO)	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:	The ED welcomed and thanked members for joining the call. She also indicated that several links and documents were sent to the EG for today's discussions including the IPPC links to the ISPM 25 document and the glossary, a copy of the project outline prepared by Christine Villegas and the agenda.	
Item 1:	Summary of discussions from last Zoom meeting – NAPPO ED	
Consensus:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Brendon Reardon (APHIS-PPQ) was nominated and elected chairperson. Christine Villegas (CFIA) was nominated and elected vice-chair. • The expert group discussed the structure of the document and the strategy to produce a list of stakeholders in the region. • Consider the perspectives and roles of the importing, exporting and in-transit countries when developing the guidance document. 	
Item 2:	Announcements from the chairperson.	
Consensus:	Brendon Reardon thanked the group for his nomination and election as the EG chairperson and informed the EG that Shelah Morita (APHIS-PPQ) was promoted within PPQ. A new replacement for Shelah's role in the EG will be announced by APHIS-PPQ.	
Item 3:	Overview and approach to produce the ISPM 25 guidance document.	

Consensus:

The chairperson indicated that it was important to reiterate the objectives of this project:

- To produce a guidance document to promote and implement a harmonized and regional approach to ISPM 25.
- Identify stakeholders in the exporting, importing and in-transit countries and determine their roles and responsibilities in addition to how to respond in cases of non-compliance. The production of a visual schematic was suggested in addition to the guidance document.

The chairperson suggested to determine the format and structure (outline) of the guidance document and the visual diagram and align the content with the information available in ISPM 25 and transit manual.

From the information provided in ISPM 25 the EG can expand and list the roles and responsibilities of the plant protection organization, the custom entities, brokers, transportation companies and warehouses. These roles and responsibilities of all parties involved will be established for the exporting, importing and in-transit countries. This approach will provide a platform to start in-depth discussions for the content of the guidance document. The chairperson will draft the initial document outline for the EG to provide additional input and use this information for the discussion during the next conference call.

Industry members were asked to describe the most important problems and concerns they have experienced with consignments in transit and to indicate specific points that could be considered for discussion when drafting the guidance document.

Industry members mentioned the following concerns:

- System used to request original documentation for export/import requirements (example: re-export certificates) could be more efficient.
- Identification of non-compliance issues before the shipments arrive to North America. Industry members recommended to consider working on a process that will help identify non-compliance issues before the shipments arrive at the borders. The role of producers in this system was also discussed including a systems approach used in some countries.
- Need to emphasize communication between stakeholders. Better communication will help minimize non-compliance issues.
- Need to address consignments of non-agricultural products.

As part of a strategy to improve communication among

	<p>stakeholders, EG members suggested other alternatives including education and outreach. The North American Sea Container Initiative (NASCI) provides a good model whereby outreach on sea container cleanliness is important to reduce the risk of pest introduction via sea containers. In-transit consignments is a component of the NASCI project.</p> <p>A risk-based approach was also suggested as an alternative approach to minimize non-compliance issues at the borders and to include in a communication plan.</p>
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Next Steps

Responsible Person	Action	Date
Brendon Reardon	Provide a first draft of the guidance document structure and share with the EG.	By August 31, 2020.
EG members	Provide input (roles and responsibilities of stakeholders) in the draft guidance document drafted by Brendon Reardon. This will be used for the discussion during the next conference call	By September 20, 2020

Next Meeting

Location:	Zoom meeting
Date:	September 30 from 1:00-2:30 p.m. Eastern Time.

Proposed Agenda Items

1. Review draft guidance document and input provided by EG members to reach agreement on the content and structure for the final draft.
2. Discuss stakeholder list.
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