

Implementation plan

1. Name of Standard

RSPM 20, *Guidelines for the Establishment, Maintenance and Verification of Areas of Low Pest Prevalence for Insects*

2. Country Reporting

Canada

3. Relevant Authority

3.1 Current Authority

Plant Protection Act and Plant Protection Regulations

3.2 Revisions to authority

None required

4. Obtaining Authority to Adopt the Standard

Changes to Legal Authority

No changes to the Act or Regulations are required.

No revisions to Policy Directives are required.

5. Implementation of Standard

Practical implementation

As per the provisions of the standard, acceptance of areas of low pest prevalence is dependent on:

- 1) declarations by NAPPO countries, provision of associated data and documentation;
- 2) review of data and documentation by importing countries;
- 3) acceptance of the declared area

As such, recognition of individual areas of low pest prevalence in the NAPPO region, are dependent on actions of the NAPPO countries. Depending on the quality of the documentation provided, and the phytosanitary risks related to the target organisms, acceptance of declared areas could range from three months to two years.

The anticipated date of implementation of the standard in Canada would be when the standard is officially approved by NAPPO.