NAPPO Conference Call Report

Expert Group: Phytosanitary Alert System

Location: Conference call

Date: 3 June 2016

Chairperson Ignacio Baez (APHIS)

Participants:
- Ana Lilia Montealegre (SENASICA)
- Sigrun Gulden (CFIA)
- Amanda Kaye (APHIS)
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Summary

Discussion on the approach PAS EG will take to draft project proposal requested by the NAPPO Secretariat

Background: The PAS EG was tasked to write a document for approval of the EC to propose and describe a process and a mechanism to follow-up on emerging pests of concern for the NAPPO region to support Strategic Goal 1, part c of NAPPO Strategic Plan 2016-2020. On 26 May 2016, PAS chair provided the EG and NAPPO AMC a document with initial ideas on the direction this project could take. The ideas included 1) a diagram with a conceptual decision process for decision making, 2) a screening tool to assess the pest threat and help to quickly determine if the threat is of regional concern to move to the next step, and 3) a template to develop a brief assessment on the pest to present to the NAPPO AMC and/or EC. This document and feedback provided by EG members and NAPPO AMC were discussed on 3 June 2016.

Consensus:
- The three countries agree to further pursue the idea of a process and some type of screening tool (point 1 and 2 above) as part of the project proposal.
- Also the three countries agree on not to pursue the idea of the assessment (point 3 above). This is beyond the intent and scope of the NAPPO PAS EG.
- AMC Member suggested an option to have PAS issue a simple newsletter and bulletin type document that compiles various pest reports and other information of interest for the NAPPO members. For example, RPPO regulations notices of interest, which is information not typically being compiled and of interest for NAPPO members. Some examples to look at is the EPPO report.
- There was partial consensus in pursuing the
“newsletter/bulletin” approach. But there is willingness to explore options.

## Next Steps

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<td>Draft the proposal and send document for EG feedback.</td>
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<td>All expert group members</td>
<td>Review and provide feedback for proposal.</td>
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## Proposed Agenda Items

1. Discuss results of tasks listed above.