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Organización Norteamericana de Protección a las Plantas

NAPPO Conference Call Report

Expert Group:	Electronic Certification
Location:	Conference call
Date:	April 28, 2020
Chairperson	Christian Dellis (APHIS-PPQ)
Participants:	
Nathalie Bruneau (CFIA)	Jaime Richardson (CFIA) Avtar Virk (CFIA)
Michael Perry (APHIS-PPQ)	Steve Côté (CFIA) Timothy Cunningham (APHIS-PPQ)
Delfino Hernández (SENASICA)	Edgar Reyes Oregón (SENASICA) Francisca de la Cruz Martínez (SENASICA)
María Eugenia Cevallos (SENASICA)	Brian Zak (Canada Industry) Chuck Dentelbeck (Canada Industry)
Patricia Abad (APHIS-PPQ)	Nedelka Marín-Martínez (NAPPO) Stephanie Bloem (NAPPO)
Alonso Suazo (NAPPO)	
Summary	
Project:	ePhyto
General comments:	Opening introductions – US, Canada, Canada industry, Mexico, and Stephanie.
Item 1:	Christian Dellis - Please feel free to reach out to him or other members of the group rather than wait for the proposed June meeting.
Item 2:	Country update: Mexico – Delfino Hernández: Mexico has connected on Jan 31, 2019 to the hub. Minor issues have been encountered with connection and Mexico was able to solve the issues with Christian Dellis. Mexico is ready and needs some type of formal agreement to begin the exchange with the US. Mexico proposed the harmonization of the ePhyto system in the NAPPO region.
Item 3:	Canada - Jamie Richardson – Canadian system up for a year in the food and animal sectors. Over the next 5 years Canada will be expanding the use of system to include phytosanitary certificates. A new system is self-serve, adding e-signatures, interactive forms, and enhanced security.
Consensus:	Country update – Christian Dellis - United States – Exchanging ePhyto through the hub with 13 countries. Five of the 13 countries are using the IPPC GeNS system. Testing continues with Costa Rica, Korea, Kenya, Rwanda, and Guatemala. Industry is looking forward to engaging with Canada on eCert.
Item 3:	Industry Updates: Nothing from Bryan Zak. Nothing from Chuck Dentelbeck.

Item 3:	<p>IPPC update – Christian Dellis - New enhancements going on for the IPPC hub and GeNS.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Forty countries have expressed interest in using the hub. • Several countries have expressed interest in GeNS. • Adding the EU “channel” feature to interact with TRACES system. • Testing undergoing in the EU and hope the EU goes live in the coming weeks. • The EU will be able to receive and not send to start. • It will triple the number of hub countries exchanging overnight. • Extend the channel feature to countries that have a similar single window system that is not fully integrated. • This will allow industry to someday be able to have a receive method only. • Testing will start in the next couple of months • NNC messaging to address notices of non-compliance GeNS. • Minor changes on functionality based on feedback from participating countries. • Identifying mechanisms to identify sustainable funding. Based on committed donations the hub is funded until at least 2021. <p>Questions presented:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What about IPPC workshops? <p>Christian Dellis: The IPPC is looking into virtual workshops which would last a few hours over multiple days. There are various virtual outreach opportunities going on with multiple countries. Various new roles in the hub will coming out.</p>	
Other subjects	<p>June meeting proposed. Monday Wed. or Friday are the best days according to Alonso. Stephanie would like to use Zoom for the next call. Electronic agreement – MOU – Regional understanding.</p>	
Next Steps		
Responsible Person	Action	Date
Next Meeting		
Location:	Conference call with Zoom	
Date:	June meeting proposed	
Proposed Agenda Item		
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