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NAPPO Conference Call Report

Expert Group:	Forestry	
Location:	Zoom meeting – Video conference	
Date:	November 18, 2020	
Chairperson:	Meghan Noseworthy (NR Canada)	
Participants:		
Chuck Dentelbeck (Canada Industry)	Scott Geffros (Canada Industry)	Maria Eugenia Alarcón (SENASICA)
Brad Gething (US Industry)	Gustavo Hernández (SEMARNAT)	David Kretschman (US Industry)
Ron Mack (APHIS-PPQ)	Eric Allen (Retired)	Faith Campbell (US Industry)
Paul Conway (US Industry)	Arvind Vasudevan (CFIA)	Clemente de Jesús García (SENASICA)
John Tyrone Jones III (APHIS-PPQ)	Nedelka Marín-Martínez (NAPPO)	Alonso Suazo (NAPPO)
Summary		
Project:	Develop a Science and Technology document that provides guidance related to contaminating pests in certified wood packaging material and wood commodities.	
General comments:	NAPPO TD and the Chairperson welcomed everybody and thanked them for their participation. Agenda was accepted without any modifications. Brad Gething agreed to take notes during the call.	
Item 1:	Comments on the Science and Technology document - Highlights	
Consensus:	<p>EG members continued discussing the S&T document comments. Highlights included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Science and Technology or Discussion document.</i> The TD indicated that there is not a clear distinction between the two types of documents however, NAPPO provides a brief description in the NAPPO website. Because the EG work includes compilation of scientific information aimed at providing guidance for additional work including to develop specification for standards, protocols and other documents, the proposal was submitted and accepted by the AMC and EC as a S&T document. • Title change. The document title was changed to “<i>Contaminating organisms affecting trade in wood commodities and forestry products</i>”. This change was proposed as an alternative to broaden the scope of the work. <p>Discussions on the remaining comments continued up to the</p>	

	section “ <i>Wood Packaging Material</i> ” in the document.	
Next Steps		
Responsible Person	Action	Date
EG members	Read the S&T draft document to provide feedback during the next videoconference with the expert group.	
Gustavo, Maria, Clemente and Arvind	Section 2.1. <i>What are considered contaminating pests by countries?</i> – Arvind and Gustavo to review and add examples and add to the summary of criteria for regulated pests lists that reflects what is done across regions	
Arvind	Section 2.2.1. <i>Conveyances: Airplanes</i> – Arvind to add summary to Airplanes section - snakes	
Next Meeting		
Location:	Zoom meeting – Videoconference	
Date:	December 17, 2020 from 2:00 to 3:30 pm EST	
Proposed Agenda Items		
1. Continue reviewing comments from the group (added between Oct 8 and Nov 18) S&T document from Section 2.2.2 – WPM onward		
2. Discuss next steps – writing group to develop remaining sections		
3. Target date to finish final sections, translate and send out for EWG to review: end of January		
4. Target date for comments from EWG mid-February		
5. Next EWG meeting middle/ end of February?		