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## *An Overview*

# **RSPM 12: Preparation of Petitions for First Release of Non-indigenous Entomophagous Biological Control Agents**

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## Biological control:

...it's all about knowing your enemies and squashing them  
~~like~~ *with* bugs !



IFA / Phorid Flies



EAB / *Tetrastichus planipennis*



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## Why are permit petitions necessary?

### Allows NPPOs to assess and reduce risks!!

- ✓ Are you releasing what you say you are releasing and nothing more?
- ✓ Does the new BC agent only attack what you say it will attack?
- ✓ Is there any evidence that the new BC agent will actually have a significant impact on the pest?



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## Scope of RSPM 12:

Guidelines are intended to assist in drafting a petition for release of non-indigenous biological control agents of insect pests.

- ✓ *identify key information to include in petition*
- ✓ *inform the NPPO of information gaps*
- ✓ *assist reviewers and regulators in assessing the risk of introductions*



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## General information requirements to include in a petition:

1. Proposed Action
2. Target Pest Information
3. Biological Control Agent Information
4. Host-Specificity Testing
5. Environmental and Economic Impacts of the Proposed Release
6. Post-Release Monitoring
7. Pre-Release Compliance





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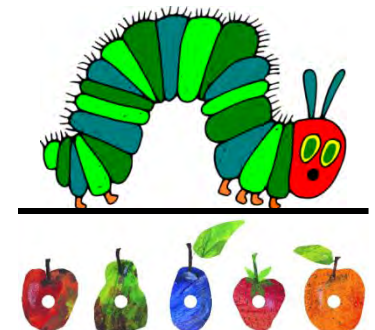
### 1. Proposed Action

- ✓ *purpose of release*
- ✓ *need for release*
- ✓ *who's going to what, when and where*

### 2. Target Pest Information

- ✓ *taxonomy*
- ✓ *biology*
- ✓ *impacts*
- ✓ *distribution*

➔ **John Goolsby, USDA-ARS, Edinburg, Texas**





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## General information requirements to include in a petition:

### 3. Biological Control Agent Information

- ✓ *where was it collected*
- ✓ *taxonomy*
- ✓ *biology, impacts on target pest*
- ✓ *past uses in BC*

➡ **John Huber, AAFC, Ottawa, Canada**





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## General information requirements to include in a petition:

### 4. Host-Specificity Testing

- ✓ *selecting non-target list*
- ✓ *quarantine testing*
- ✓ *host data from around the world*

➡ Peter Mason, AAFC, Ottawa, Canada

➡ Dave Gillespie, AAFC, Agassiz, British Columbia







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## General information requirements to include in a petition:

### 5. Environmental and Economic Impacts of the Proposed Release

- ✓ *known impacts on pest, related non-targets, environment, humans*
- ✓ *contingency plans*

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## General information requirements to include in a petition:

### 6. Post-Release Monitoring

- ✓ *establishment*
- ✓ *spread*
- ✓ *impacts- target/non-target*



➔ **Bruce Gill, CFIA, Ottawa, Canada**



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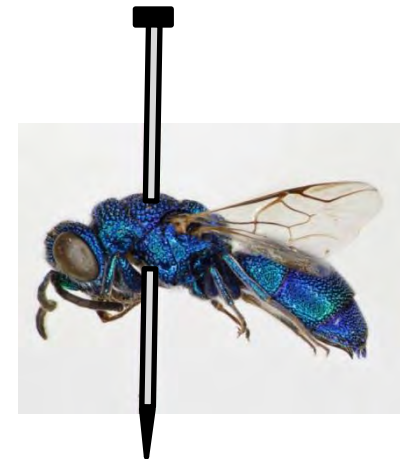
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## General information requirements to include in a petition:

### 7. Pre-Release Compliance

- ✓ *reference specimens*
- ✓ *anticipated timing and location of first releases*

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**THANK YOU!**



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**Questions??**  
**¿Preguntas?**

