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NAPPO Conference Call Report

Expert Group:	Electronic Phytosanitary Certification (eCert)
Location:	Conference call
Date:	February 9, 2018
Chairperson	Christian Dellis (APHIS PPQ)
Participants:	

Michael Perry (PPQ)	Darlene Rush (PPQ)	Katharine Church (CFIA)
Brian Zak (Canada Ind)	Chuck Dentelbeck (Canada Industry)	Francisco Javier Marquez (SENASICA)
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<div align="center">Summary</div>

Project /Proyecto:	Electronic Certification
General comments:	General project and country updates
Item 1:	Opening remarks and introduction
Consensus:	The Chairperson and the NAPPO Secretariat welcomed the EG.
Item 2:	Approval of draft agenda
Consensus:	Agenda approved
Item 3:	Debrief: 3rd IPPC ePhyto Symposium readout
Consensus:	The Chairperson de briefed the EG on the third IPPC symposium on ePhyto in Malaysia and indicated that, • 90 Participants representing 40 countries • 10-12 Industry officials and • a few regional NPPOs attended the symposium.
Item 4:	IPPC ePhyto project status • Hub • Generic System

Consensus:	The Chairperson indicated that, • the Hub Pilot began in October 2017. • the highlight of the symposium was the creation of an ePhyto in the US system that was transmitted through the IPPC hub, pulled and read by Argentina and, through the same process, a phyto from Argentina was received. He indicated the demo went really well and was well received. This was the first time the system was shown working. The US and Argentina are currently exchanging live certificates with the pilot system. • they received certificates in the test environment from, China, Chile, New Zealand, Australia, South Korea and the Netherlands • one of the neat features of the system was seen when South Korea sent messages through the hub to everybody and a response from Argentina was received. The US could get those certificates as well without having to interact with South Korea directly which was always a problem in the past when it had to be negotiated line by line in the phytosanitary certificate • the hub pilot will continue for another 2 months around May or June. Other countries are working with the UNICC to finalize their connections to the Hub although there are still some issues with the message mapping • encouraged Canada and Mexico to use the format currently available in the IPPC ephyto webpage to connect to the hub • It took about a week for countries to just connect to the hub • Connecting to the hub and exchanging the messages is the easy part, the problem is to send the information in the right message format. With respect to the generic system the chairperson indicated that, • the pilot will start in August • Sri Lanka and Samoa will start and will likely to run until the end of the year where other countries that do not have their own system could be integrated onto the generic system. • there is a lot of interest for the Caribbean countries in the US because of the high movement of commodities and pest risk (quick way to get a lot of countries in the system very quickly) • ask Mexico and Canada to share the message mapping system with the US.
Item 5:	Country updates • Canada • Mexico

	• US
Consensus:	Canada updates, • Making progress with the digital service delivery platform (to enable e-Certification across all business lines in Canada). • In January 2019 Canada will be able to connect for the initial launch connecting directly to the hub. • Canada is having problems with the message mapping but will do testing with the US. Mexico updates, • Mexico will provide updates in the next conference call Industry updates, • Canadian Industry asked CFIA to modify the heat treatment certificate to accommodate with ISPM-12. • Approximately 8000 phytosanitary certificates are issued for HT wood in Canada. The request to modify the HT certificates will save a lot of money to the NPPO, the government and the industry.
Item 6:	Industry case studies
Consensus:	The Chairperson indicated they are working with the industry to identify what is needed from them and reiterated that the system is still in testing mode. The Industry representative from Canada offered the Chairperson assistance participating in these projects and provide feedback from the Canadian wood industry perspective. The representative from the Canadian wood industry indicated that a hardcopy of the phyto is still required by banks to get it through the money exchange system for payments. The Chairperson indicated that a case study would be to have a company in two different countries and have a call with the NPPOs, banking representatives and / or anybody in the supply chain and have them describe what they see, run the process without paper copies of the ephyto to identify and report problems. The Canadian industry member suggested for Canada to have meetings with the international banks and determine what it is required from them.
Item 7:	Other Items and next steps
Consensus:	• The ED encouraged the group to approach the newly formed Caribbean RPPO to the activities of the ePhyto project. • The ED suggested to have a face to face meeting with the group at the 2018 NAPPO annual meeting.

	• The Chairperson indicated that a Demo could be done for the NAPPO AM and the ED indicated this should be brought for discussion with the Executive Committee during the upcoming February meeting in Mexico.
Other subjects:	Next conference call
Consensus:	Get in touch with the Chairperson for time availability for the last week of April. The NAPPO secretariat will send a Doodle Poll.

Next Steps

Responsible Person	Action	Date
Chairperson	Coordinate with the NAPPO Secretariat a demo of the ePhyto system at the NAPPO annual meeting	Not Determined
Canada and Mexico	Share message mapping system with the US	Not Determined

Next Meeting

Location:	Conference call
Date:	TBD

Proposed Agenda Items

1. Recent IPPC activities
2. Industry updates
3. Country updates – Canada/Mexico/US
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