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Organización Norteamericana de Protección a las Plantas

## NAPPO Conference Call Report

Expert Group:	Revision of RSPM 38	
Location:	Video conference call -Zoom	
Date:	August 24, 2020	
Chairperson	John Tyrone Jones, II (APHIS-PPQ)	
Participants:		
Arvind Vasudevan (CFIA) – Vice-chair	Shamina Maccum (CFIA)	Scott Myers (APHIS-PPQ)
Jason Allen (APHIS-PPQ)	Greg Helmbrecht (WDA)	Maria Eugenia Guerrero Alarcón (SEMARNAT)
Gustavo Hernández Sánchez (SEMARNAT)	Brad Gething (US industry)	Faith Campbell (CISP)
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Alonso Suazo (NAPPO)		
<b>Summary</b>		
Project:	Revision of NAPPO's Regional Standard for Phytosanitary Measure 38 (RSPM 38) ( <i>Importation of certain wooden and bamboo commodities into a NAPPO member country</i> )	
General comments:	The ED welcomed and thanked members for joining the call. She reminded the EG about the documents that were sent for this call including a copy of RSPM 38, comments provided by all three NAPPO countries, and the agenda.	
Item 1:	Summary of discussions from the last call	
Consensus:	<p>The ED summarized the EG discussion from last call:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Tyrone Jones II was elected Chairperson.</li> <li>• Arvind Vasudevan (CFIA) accepted the nomination for vice-chair.</li> <li>• Points needed for consideration for the revision of RSPM 38: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Indoor furniture – reevaluate the risk.</li> <li>○ Additional phytosanitary treatment at the IPPC level – ISPM 28.</li> <li>○ Three additional international standards to consider since last RSPM 38 revision: ISPM 39, ISPM 42 and ISPM 43.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Reconsider bamboo as a commodity based on pest interception data that has been gathered since the last revision of RSPM 38 was approved.</li> <li>• Notifications for handicrafts and product labelling.</li> <li>• Expansion of list of products for RSPM 38.</li> </ul>	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Include additional definitions specific for this standard. A request was made for members to provide terms to include for discussions. The information was provided by EG members as requested and translated by the NAPPO Secretariat to share with all EG members. This information will be discussed during this call.</li> </ul>
Item 2:	RSPM 38 revision
Consensus:	<p>The Chairperson read the comments provided by EG members including proposed terms to consider for inclusion in the definition section of the standard.</p> <p>EG members inquired about the availability of interception data. US and Canada informed that they have requested the information and will share with the EG. Mexico has provided interception data to the NAPPO forestry EG and will be requested from the Forestry EG to share with the revision of RSPM 38 EG. The US indicated that the data that was shared with the Forestry EG was primarily on wood packaging material. Canada's data to provide to this EG will focus on the interception of pests in the products listed in RSPM 38. Mexico's interception data includes all pest interceptions.</p> <p>The following points relevant to the revision of RSPM 38 were discussed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Presence or absence of bark in bamboo products.</li> <li>• Regulations related to specific products not listed in the standard. A table with a list of these products was suggested which will include the regulations required.</li> <li>• Expansion of the scope based on the large list of bamboo products especially handicraft products, seeds, and others. Interception data could be useful to determine how to modify the scope.</li> <li>• A more comprehensive list of products to consider for the standard.</li> <li>• Consider adding more experts to the EG to address more specific issues including expanding the scope of RSPM 38.</li> <li>• Need to regulate the product and not whether it is use inside or outside.</li> <li>• Consider removing all aspects related to "intended use" in the standard.</li> </ul> <p>Comments and suggestions made to the Scope, section 1.1 (Basis of regulations), 1.2 (intended use) and 1.3 (Regulated commodities) of RSPM 38 were addressed. Considerations were made to expand the scope of the standard. The EG agreed to remove section 1.2 and the reference for intended use in section 1.1 and 1.3 of the standard.</p>
<b>Next Steps</b>	

<b>Responsible</b>	<b>Action</b>	<b>Date</b>
EG members	Compile interception data to use for discussion during the next call	
<b>Next Meeting</b>		
Location:	Zoom meeting	
Date:	September 28, 2020 from 1:00 – 2:30 PM EDT	
<b>Proposed Agenda Items</b>		
1. Finish Review- Stopped at section 1.3		
2. Review proposed changes		
3. Discussion of SEMARNAT's suggestions		