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#### **NAPPO Country Consultation**

Three NAPPO products that were developed or updated by NAPPO Expert Groups went through Country Consultation earlier this year. Numerous comments were received from government and industry stakeholders from our three member countries. Many thanks to all that took the time to provide comments!

The Expert Groups will be getting together during the month of November to review and discuss the comments and finalize the documents for eventual approval by the NAPPO Executive Committee.

## **2021 NAPPO Annual Meeting**

The 2021 meeting will be hosted by the United States and, at least for now, is scheduled to take place immediately following the North America Safeguarding Conference in August 2021 in Washington DC - <u>https://www.nappo.org/english/2021-annual-meeting</u>. Stay tuned for updates.



### Fall NAPPO Governance Meetings

The NAPPO Management Team (Executive Committee, Industry Advisory Group and Advisory and Management Committee) will meet virtually, via Zoom, on Dec. 1, 2020.

The meeting Agenda includes country and industry updates, updates on the NAPPO 2020 Work Program, discussing/charting the strategic direction for NAPPO in 2021 and harmonizing NAPPOs strategic direction with global/international phytosanitary priorities.

#### **NAPPO Secretariat work status**

As has been the case since the end of March 2020, most of the staff from the NAPPO Secretariat continues to work remotely. Together with the members of the Advisory and Management Committee, they are effectively managing and progressing the nineteen projects included in the 2020 NAPPO Work Program - <u>https://mail.nappo.org/application/files/5415/8624/3760/</u> <u>FINAL 2020 NAPPO Work Program -e.pdf</u>. In addition, NAPPO administrative and business processes continue to be on track.

### Risk-Based Sampling (RBS) Manual Part I (in English) is now on the NAPPO website

The emphasis of Part I is on developing familiarity with RBS, its benefits, and the practical aspects of its implementation. Part I addresses the fundamentals of RBS, including what, why, and how questions. Part I of the Manual is being translated into Spanish and will be available shortly.

Part II of the Manual – to be published in the future - follows with greater technical detail and additional reference material for more in-depth guidance on implementation of RBS.

The RBS Manuals are one of the deliverables from the first International Symposium for Risk-Based Sampling co-organized by the North American Plant Protection Organization (NAPPO) and the United States Department of Agriculture, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, Plant Protection and Quarantine (USDA-APHIS-PPQ). The Symposium, held in mid-2017 in Baltimore, Maryland, USA, had the objective of promoting harmonization though a common understanding and shared experiences in the implementation of the two adopted international plant health standards on inspection.

#### **Updated NAPPO website**

NAPPO recently updated its website to a more secure and responsive platform that allows easy viewing of its pages when using smartphones, tablets, or PCs. The platform has additional security features that protect the website from cyberattacks.



### The North American Sea Container Initiative (NASCI) now includes Mexico!

To protect North American agriculture, forestry and natural resources against the introduction of invasive pests and diseases, the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) and the Canadian Food Inspection Agency (CFIA) have been working with border protection agencies, shippers, and global shipping companies on developing guidance/best practices for cleaning and inspecting sea containers.

Mexico is now part of NASCI, which will allow the three countries to work together to find practical solutions to manage this complex pest pathway.



### New book on Plant Health Risk Management

Handbook of Phytosanitary Risk Management – Theory and Practice - <u>https://www.cabi.org/book/9781780648798/</u>. Published September 2020.

#### **Searching for a new IPPC Secretary**

Dr. Jingyuan Xia, who served as IPPC Secretary for about 5 years was promoted to a new position within the Food and Agriculture Organization effective Aug. 1, 2020. At this time, a member of the IPPC Secretariat is acting as interim IPPC Secretary until such time as the new Secretary is selected.



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