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Justification statement to archive/rescind RSPM 16 – *Integrated Measures for the Movement of Citrus Propagative Material*

The NAPPO Management Team (NMT), at their December 1, 2020 governance meeting, unanimously agreed to immediately archive/rescind RSPM 16 - *Integrated Measures for the Movement of Citrus Propagative Material*. The reasons presented by one of the NAPPO member countries and agreed-upon by the NMT included:

1. RSPM 16, as currently written, does not reflect historic or current regulatory policies and practices concerning citrus propagative material in the NAPPO member countries.
2. RSPM 16 is not aligned with the latest scientific and current regulatory policies in North America.
3. In particular, RSPM 16 gives the misleading impression that the movement of citrus nursery stock for commercial purposes is allowed in NAPPO member countries.
4. There is no commercial trade or movement of citrus nursery stock between NAPPO member countries due to stringent requirements to prevent the introduction and spread of citrus pests through the movement of citrus nursery stock.

However, acknowledging that citrus and its pests are important topics within NAPPO, NAPPO member countries and their stakeholders may consider presenting proposal(s) during the next open call for NAPPO project proposals that focus on opportunities for future, plant health regional harmonization work related to citrus.