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NAPPO Conference Call Report

Expert Group:	Electronic certification - ePhyto	
Location:	Videoconference – Zoom meeting	
Date:	June 23, 2021	
Chairperson	Christian Dellis (USDA-APHIS-PPQ)	
Participants:		
Brian Zak (Canadian Industry)	Francisca de la Cruz Martínez (SENASICA)	Delfino Hernández (SENASICA)
Edgar Reyes Oregón (SENASICA)	Cara Grant (CFIA)	Michael Perry (USDA-APHIS-PPQ)
Avtar Virk (CFIA)	Jamie Richardson (CFIA)	Steve Côté (CFIA)
Stephanie Bloem (NAPPO)	Nedelka Marín Martínez (NAPPO)	Alonso Suazo (NAPPO)
Summary		
Project:	Electronic Certification	
General comments:	<p>The chairperson welcomed and thanked all members for joining the call.</p> <p>The EG Annual Meeting report was added to the agenda. The amended agenda was approved.</p> <p>The NAPPO TD agreed to write the conference call report.</p> <p>Following the welcoming remarks, the chairperson made the following announcements:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Brian Zak is retiring. EG members congratulated Brian and wished him a happy retirement.2. Cara Grant (CFIA) joined the EG as a new member. All EG members and the Secretariat introduced themselves. The chairperson welcomed Cara to the EG.3. Timothy Cunningham (USDA-APHIS-PPQ) is leaving the EG. Tim accepted a new position.	
Item 1:	EG report for the annual meeting	
Consensus:	<p>Avtar Virk shared the EG presentation to present at the NAPPO Annual Meeting in November 2021. Avtar indicated changes made to the presentation and requested feedback from the EG.</p> <p>Avtar:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Indicated he will add Mr. Paul Newman as a new Canada industry EG member. Mr. Newman will replace Brian Zak as the industry representative in the NAPPO EG.• Provided an overview of the report.• Indicated the changes he made to the Mexico report.• Indicated he will provide a copy of the updated report for the Secretariat to translate and share with the EG for	

	<p>additional feedback.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Requested the industry to provide the industry report. Brian Zak indicated that the information will be provided. Requested the EG to provide feedback on the new version of the report by COB Friday July 2, 2021. <p>A data set was presented by the industry for discussion and possible consideration to include as part of the industry report.</p> <p>Mr. Brian Zak inquired about a letter the industry sent to Steve Côté (NAPPO AMC/Canada) requesting NAPPO support for an IPPC / World Bank meeting to support issuing ephytos with the original letters of credits (LOCs). Steve indicated he has not received the letter.</p>
Item 2:	Country reports
Consensus:	<p>Canada:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Finished first round of testing with the electronic system. Canada is waiting for comments to address important issues related to the ephyto system. Will start a new round of test in the future. <p>United States:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> US exchanging electronic certificates with 50 trading partners now. The last two to join are the Dominican Republic and the Bahamas. In the UK, Brexit has created different ephyto challenges with some countries. UK-Northern Ireland is still subject to EU rules and therefore a sub-country had to be created. Industry has shown great interest in connecting to an external system to facilitate their application process. The US is working on this process. <p>Mexico:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A lot of progress with the ephyto exchanges with the US. Mexico presented data (graphs) on the increased number of ephytos with the US. Only a few ephytos had issues (n=30) but the issues were resolved after the US (Christian Dellis) was made aware of these problems. Mexico is actively providing ephyto training to the corresponding staff in different areas. <p>International Updates:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Panama getting training on the use of the generic system. US in discussion with Nigeria on the use of the generic system. US received test certificates from Benin. US expect Benin to join electronic certification system soon. Israel is planning to use the generic system for exports

	but have their own internal system for imports (hybrid system). <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Working with ASEAN countries because they use different schemas that are not compatible with the IPPC schemas. 	
Next Steps		
Responsible Person	Action	Date
NAPPO Secretariat	Share updated EG report for annual meeting and request feedback from the EG.	By July 2, 2021.
Next Meeting		
Location:	Videoconference	
Date:	To be determined. The NAPPO Secretariat will send a poll.	
Proposed Agenda Items		
1. General comments/welcome		
2. Country Updates <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Canada b. Mexico c. United States 		
3. Industry updates		
4. Other business		
5. Closing		