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North American Plant Protection Organization
Organización Norteamericana de Protección a las Plantas

NAPPO Conference Call Report

Expert Group:	Electronic Certification	
Location:	Zoom meeting – Video conference	
Date:	April 6, 2022	
Chairperson	Christian Dellis (APHIS – PPQ)	
Participants:		
Francisca de la Cruz Martínez (SENASICA)	Edgar Reyes (SENASICA)	Delfino Hernández (SENASICA)
Avtar Virk (CFIA)	Cara Grant (CFIA)	Paul Newman (Canada Industry)
Javier Torres (SENASICA – Observer)	Michael Perry (APHIS – PPQ)	Stephanie Bloem (NAPPO)
Alonso Suazo (NAPPO)		
Summary		
Project:	Electronic Phytosanitary Certification (ePhyto)	
General comments:	<p>Welcome remarks by the NAPPO Secretariat. Michael Perry (Rapporteur). Agenda approved as presented. EG granted permission to record the video conference for report purposes.</p>	
Item 1:	Country updates	
Consensus:	<p>Canada: Canada is still in testing and had no further updates.</p> <p>Mexico:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The ePhyto exchange between the US and Mexico goes well. • Is working on electronic signatures for the EU to exchange with the EU soon. • Is ready to help Canada to test. <p>United States:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Will provide information on digital signatures to Mexico for exchanging with the EU. • Is sending to 70 countries and receiving from 42 countries. • Is currently testing with Switzerland, Belgium, and Ireland. The Swiss are using the EU TRACES system. • Informed of developments of the French overseas territories as well as other subdivisions of various countries around the world. • Example: Guadeloupe, a French overseas territory, received PCs directly from the US, but for ePhyto, the ePhyto message is sent to the EU TRACES system to France. • Has identified 14 subdivisions that are similar to Guadeloupe that required changes to the US ePhyto system. 	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Various EU countries use either TRACES or their own ePhyto system link to TRACES. All EU countries exchanging with the US so far are using their own system that is linked to TRACES. • The US transitioned from phytosanitary certificates on security paper to plain paper • US phytosanitary certificates are no longer redacted.
	<p>Industry Updates</p> <p>No updates to report. They are awaiting developments from the Canadian Federal Government</p>
	<p>IPPC update: Christian Dellis</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The IPPC is going to release a list of countries and the country that the ePhyto should be sent to. This should help with countries with overseas territories • Madagascar just started using the GeNS. This is the first country to use a French language version of the GeNS. • The German Development Bank is sponsoring an Arabic language version of the GeNS that will be released soon. • A Spanish language version of the GeNS is expected to be developed in the future. • The Global Alliance for Trade Facilitation, Christian, Michael Perry, and others are currently training various countries on the use and implementation of the GeNS. • It is estimated that 10-12 more countries will adopt the GeNS in the next few months. • ePhyto will be a topic at the next CPM meeting, especially the long-term sustainable funding of the Hub and GeNS • The former deputy administrator of USDA APHIS PPQ, Mr. Osama El-Lissy is now the Secretary of the IPPC • The ePhyto website has undergone many updates for ePhyto.
Item 3:	<p>NAPPO Secretariat Updates – Stephanie Bloem (NAPPO ED)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The 45th NAPPO meeting will be virtual this year from October 18-20 and will be hosted by Canada. • NAPPO is currently in the process of developing their 2022 annual work program. However, there will be fewer projects in 2022 than in 2021. This will allow more time allotted to report out ePhyto activities more extensively at the annual meeting. • Delfino would like to point out to the NAPPO annual meeting attendees that Mexico and the United States have now been exchanging ePhytos successfully for 1 one year now. Emphasis on all the successes of working together to facilitate the exchange of all certificates via ePhyto.
Other subjects:	<p>Question 1. from Christian: What is your country status regarding the status of international travel?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NAPPO: Stephanie Bloem they have a budget for travel, but other countries are not able to meet face to face. • Canada: Currently initiating travel plans and believes will

	<p>travel depending on whether other countries are open for travel.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Industry: Travel is currently on hold. There is interest in travel to Korea, Japan, and to China • Mexico: No indications currently for international travel. <p>Question 2. Alonso: How is the conflict in Eastern Europe affecting countries regarding economic sanctions and ePhyto?</p> <p>United States: Minimal change purely because not many certificates are sent to Russia (300 certificates) or Ukraine (700). There are questions on the future of wheat exports.</p> <p>Canada: Same. Both countries are not larger trading partners</p> <p>Industry: Expected changes in wood fiber flow. Russia is expected to ship more products to China which can have unknown changes in market demand in Asia.</p> <p>Mexico: Only a few exports to Russia per year and Ukraine barely registers.</p>
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Next Steps

Responsible Person	Action	Date

Next Meeting

Location:	Zoom meeting – Video conference
Date:	July 20, 2022 from 2:00 to 3:00 pm EST.

Proposed Agenda Items

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| 1. Please add NAPPO Update |
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