

Plan for the Adoption and Implementation of NAPPO standards

1. Name of Standard

RSPM 3, Importation of Potatoes into a NAPPO Member Country (Revised 2010)

2. Country Reporting

United States of America (USA)

3. Relevant Authority

3.1 Current Authority

Identify which current authority covers or partially covers the standard

- A. Legislative Authority – Yes
- B. Regulatory Authority – Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) 319.56 and 319.37
Currently the USA allows the importation of potatoes from Canada based on pest risk assessment. Potatoes are not allowed from any other country, including Mexico.
Changes in the CFR will be needed.

[If revisions are needed then go to 3.2] - Needed

3.2 Revisions to authority

Identify any revisions to existing authority which are required in order to comply with the standard.

CFR 319.56, fruits and vegetables
319.56b - all
319.56-2(c) – for Canada

CFR 319.37, propagative material
319.37-5 certification program needed – Special foreign inspection and certification requirements

4. Obtaining Authority to Adopt the Standard

Provide a brief description of the process required to revise existing authority or draft new authority, as appropriate. Identify the most critical activities and the estimated dates for completion.

- A. Current regulations 319-56 and 319.37 prohibit the importation of potatoes plants and any plant part, with some exceptions. PPQ is revising 319-37 and other regulations governing the importation of plant for planting. A principal component of this revision is the establishment of regulatory systems approach protocol

programs, utilizing performance-based criteria. The criteria in the potatoes standards would be also used as a basis for this regulation change. The legality of using performance-based criteria, however, needs to be determined for this application. Actual implementation of the criteria outlined in the Standard will be based on bilateral negotiations and result in the development of an acceptable operational workplan for the production and export of potatoes. Additional resources will be necessary for the implementation of the standard.

- B. The USA currently has potatoes certification programs which have been implemented by interested States. These programs already meet most of the criteria outlined in the Standard. However, PPQ needs to establish NPPO oversight and minimum conditions for certification as outlined in the Standard.

The accreditation group will initiate the implementation process as their next new project, estimate completion time 2-4 years.

Activity		Estimated Completion Date
Changes to Legal Authority	Analyze current authority and draft necessary changes including publication of a Proposed Rule, comments, and clearances	June 2013
	Publish Final Rule	December 2016

At this point APHIS has the authority to legally implement the standard.

5. Implementation of Standard

This section is strictly an estimate since the dates are contingent upon factors that APHIS no longer controls, such as the ability of the importing country to agree to and meet the requirements.

Activity		Estimated Completion Date
Actual Implementation	Develop bilateral work plan, perform site reviews, check compliance, audit material that would enter, etc.	December of 2012
Commodity Enters	Unknown at this time	