

## **Plan for the Implementation of NAPPO standards**

### **1. Name of Standard**

RSPM No. 35 – Guidelines for the Movement of Stone and Pome Fruit Trees and Grapevines into a NAPPO Member Country

### **2. Country Reporting**

United States

### **3. Relevant Authority**

#### **3.1 Current Authority**

- A. Legislative Authority – Yes, Plant Protection Act
- B. Regulatory Authority – Yes, but revisions will be necessary

#### **3.2 Revisions to authority**

- A. Revision to our import regulations will be needed to comply with the provisions within the Standard to ensure that imported Grapevines, Pome and Stone Fruit Trees from all countries meet the production and phytosanitary conditions outlined in the Standard.
- B. Based on the requirements of the importing country, federal oversight over the existing state operated grapevines, pome and stone fruit trees certification programs can be implemented, including requirements that these nursery certification programs meet the conditions of this Standard.

### **4. Obtaining Authority to Adopt the Standard**

- A. Currently PPQ is revising 319-37 and other regulations governing the importation of plants 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 grapevine standard would be used as a basis for this regulation change. However, the legality of using performance-based criteria 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 certified plants. Additional resources will be necessary for implementation.
- B. The USA currently has grapevine, pome and stone fruit trees certification programs which have been approved by PPQ and 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. USA is currently piloting a national

certification program through National Clean Plant Network (NCPN) for grapes and stone fruit trees with voluntary State participation through a Memorandum Of Understanding (MOU). The certification standards under NCPN would meet the criteria outlines in this Standard.

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

**Activity Estimated Completion Date**

<b>Activity</b>	<b>Estimated Completion Date</b>
Changes to Legal Authority Analyze current authority and draft necessary changes including publication of a Proposed Rule, comments, and clearance	2010
Publish Final Rule	2012

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

**5. Implementation**

<b>Activity</b>	<b>Estimated Completion Date</b>
Actual Implementation, Develop bilateral work plan, Perform site reviews, Check compliance, Audit material that would enter, etc.	On going after 2012