



Statement for RSPM 3 – Movement of potatoes into a NAPPO member country

The standard on the website is the latest version of RSPM 3 with Annex 6 (Pre-Shipment Testing for PVY^N) removed, as approved in 2017.

The NAPPO Potato Expert Group revised RSPM 3 in 2016. The proposed revision focused on alignment of RSPM 3 with the International Standard for Phytosanitary Measures (ISPM) 33 – *Pest free potato (Solanum spp.) micropropagative material and minitubers for international trade.*

The draft revision of RSPM 3 was submitted to NAPPO Country Consultation (Feb. 26 – May 31) in 2016. In Oct. 2017, taking into consideration stakeholder comments and concerns received during Country Consultation, the NAPPO Executive Committee (EC) decided to place this RSPM 3/ ISPM 33 alignment project **on hold**.

As a separate project, the Potato Expert Group and NAPPO Executive Committee agreed to delete Annex 6 (*Pre-Shipment Testing for PVY^N*) from RSPM 3 in 2017, a decision that was endorsed by the NAPPO EC.

Yearly revision of RSPM 3 Appendix - *Status of potato pests in NAPPO countries* – continued for a few years. In early 2020, the NAPPO Advisory and Management Committee (AMC) recommended suspending the activities of the NAPPO Potato Expert Group (EG), and this decision was supported and unanimously endorsed by the NAPPO Executive Committee (EC).

As per NAPPO Secretariat procedures concerning Expert Groups, the EG was officially disbanded.