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Organización Norteamericana de Protección a las Plantas

NAPPO Conference Call Report

Expert Group:	Forestry – ISPM 15 compliance	
Location:	Zoom meeting	
Date:	December 15, 2023	
Chairperson	Meghan Noseworthy (NR Canada)	
Participants:		
Eric Allen (Retired CFIA)	Brad Gething (US Industry)	Arvind Vasudevan (CFIA)
María Eugenia Guerrero Alarcón (SEMARNAT)	Scott Geffros (Canada Industry)	Dave Kretschmann (US Industry)
Faith Campbell (CISP)	Leigh Greenwood (TNC)	John Tyrone Jones (USDA APHIS PPQ)
Gustavo Hernández (SEMARNAT)	Tanya Staffen (CFIA AMC member)	Nedelka Marín-Martínez (NAPPO)
Alonso Suazo (NAPPO)		

Summary

Project:	Evaluation of risk associated with different types of wood packaging material – Opportunities to improve ISPM 15 compliance.
General comments:	Following welcoming remarks, the NAPPO TD asked EG members to introduce themselves to the group.
Item 1:	Election of Chairperson
Consensus:	Meghan Noseworthy was elected Chairperson. Scott Geffros elected Vice Chairperson.
Item 2:	Project description and timeline.
Consensus:	<p>The chairperson provided an overview of the project and indicated that the project's objective was to produce a Science and Technology document describing the different types of wood packaging material and the pest risks associated with each one.</p> <p>The chairperson also outlined the benefits of this project to the NPPOs and the industry, as well as the accomplishments and deliverables, as outlined in the presentation provided during the 46th NAPPO Annual Meeting in Merida, Mexico.</p> <p>Timeline: The project is expected to be completed in 1-2 years from the date of the first video conference.</p>
Item 3:	Project logistics.
Consensus:	The NAPPO TD provided different options to work on this project, including using Google Docs, email exchanges, and MS Teams channels. The EG decided to work using the MS Teams

	channel.	
	Other logistical considerations discussed: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Use the MS Teams channel to gather the required information. 2. Consider establishing a writing subgroup when the EG gathers enough data to write the Science and Technology document. 3. Consider face-to-face meetings after a draft is available for review by the EG. 4. EG will focus on data collection first, then writing the document. 	
Other subjects	Data collection	
Consensus:	EG decided to gather information on arthropods and pathogens. The information should not be restricted to the NAPPO region.	
Next Steps		
Responsible	Action	Date
NAPPO Secretariat	Create an MS Teams Channel for the EG	
EG	Collect data (interception, inspection etc.) to discuss in the next video conference.	
Next Meeting		
Location:	Zoom meeting	
Date:	January 31, 2024 from 2:00-3:00 pm EST	
Proposed Agenda Items		
1. Welcome remarks		
2. Updates on data gathering		
3. Next steps		
4. Next video conference		
5. Meeting adjourned		