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NAPPO Conference Call Report

Expert Group:	Forestry – WPM Evaluation of risk	
Location:	Zoom meeting	
Date:	January 31, 2024	
Chairperson	Meghan Noseworthy (NR Canada)	
Participants:		
Eric Allen (Retired CFS)	Brad Gething (US Industry)	Arvind Vasudevan (CFIA)
María Eugenia Guerrero Alarcón (SEMARNAT)	Scott Geffros (Canada Industry)	Stephanie Dubon (AMC-USDA)
Faith Campbell (CISP)	Leigh Greenwood (TNC)	John Tyrone Jones (USDA APHIS PPQ)
Ron Mack (USDA)	Alonso Suazo (NAPPO)	Nedelka Marín-Martínez (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 mentioned that two new members will be joining the EG.
Item 1:	Review agenda
Consensus:	Agenda accepted. NAPPO TD noted that when the document outline is finalized, the EG must ensure that it mirrors the project proposal.
Item 2:	Review action item - Collect data (interception, inspection etc.)
Consensus:	<p>Canada (Meghan/ Arvind): data on WPM is limited to Canadian Border Services and CFIA. Different types of WPM are not differentiated. Most WPM inspections focus on bark presence/ absence. Focus on dunnage may have more data on this. Action – Meghan and Arvind to follow up with the dunnage PRM group.</p> <p>USA (Tyrone): Similar limitations notes; however, it was noted that the type of WPM may be extrapolated by the size/ type of commodity recorded. Action: Tyrone to follow up with AQUIMs group to determine what type of data we might access.</p> <p>Action: Leigh indicated potential data available from importers in Texas working on dunnage issues.</p> <p>Other sources of data: Haack et al. 2009, 2022 (consider distinct data), international logistics companies (Action: Leigh), EPPO (Action: Meghan), NZ (Action: Eric), EU (Action: Brad)</p> <p>Mexico (María Eugenia): Action to look into similar data from Mexico.</p>

Item 3:	Review how documents will be shared	
Consensus:	<p>The NAPPO TD provided a description of the MS Teams channel.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - subfolders - discussion document folder (Note: previous versions will be within the folder and the most recent version outside of the folder) - data folder - NAPPO TD will monitor activity and update the Spanish folder regularly <p>Action: All are to enter a note in the chat box when they are on the MS Teams channel; let Alonso know if you cannot access the channel or folders.</p>	
Item 4:	<p>Project outline discussed</p> <p>Proposed outline for the Science and Technology document:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Background • Categories of WPM • Production processes for each type • Possible risks associated with each type <p>Recommendations for treatment and process improvement for each type</p>	
Consensus:	<p>EG discussed how to work on the sections. Using MS Teams, a document will be created, and sections expanded on.</p> <p>Action (Scott and Brad): to work on descriptions and production process for – pallets, crates, spools and dunnage</p> <p>Action (Eric): to work on background</p> <p>Action (Meghan): to work on the outline</p> <p>Noted – Possible risks associated with each type section should include the size of WPM</p>	
Item 5:	Next meeting	
Consensus:	NAPPO TD will send a Doodle poll for the next meeting to occur in approximately one month	
Next Steps		
Responsible Person	Action	Date
NAPPO Secretariat	Create an MS Teams channel for the EG	
EG	Collect data (interception, inspection, other) to discuss in the next video conference.	
Scott/Brad	WPM categories and production	
Eric	Background	
Meghan	Outline	
Next Meeting		
Location:	Zoom meeting	
Date:	TBC	
Proposed Agenda Items		

1. Welcome remarks
2. Updates on data gathering
3. Next steps
4. Next video conference
5. Meeting adjourned