



# NAPPO

North American Plant Protection Organization  
Organización Norteamericana de Protección a las Plantas

## NAPPO Conference Call Report

Expert Group:	Electronic Phytosanitary Certification (eCert)	
Location:	Conference call	
Date:	March 26, 2019	
Chairperson	Christian Dellis (APHIS PPQ)	
Participants:		
Jaime Richardson (CFIA)	Delfino Hernández (SENASICA)	Brian Zak (Canadian industry)
Dominique Pelletier (CFIA)	Nedelka Marín-Martínez (NAPPO)	Alonso Suazo (NAPPO)
<b>Summary</b>		
Project:	Electronic Certification	
General comments:	The TD thanked all members for joining the call and informed the group that Mr. Francisco Javier Márquez Pérez is no longer a member of the expert group.	
Item 1:	Country updates	
Consensus:	<p>Canada:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Export electronic system is up and running.</li> <li>• Only issuing pre-sale certificates.</li> <li>• Will be able to issue phytosanitary certificates in the fall of 2019.</li> <li>• Successful text message to the hub using the centralize government system.</li> </ul> <p>Mexico:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Our message mapping is complete and have established our connection in the hub; we have been working with Argentina and US to confirm that our format is valid.</li> <li>• Pending: ongoing development to automate the sending and receiving.</li> <li>• Will continue to work on certificates through the hub, but not an automatic system.</li> </ul> <p>US:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Webinar demo with Canada after chairperson return from CPM.</li> <li>• Actively exchanging with Argentina, Chile, New Zealand and the Netherlands.</li> <li>• Actively working to help Korea and Peru.</li> </ul>	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Sixteen other countries in various stages to connect their system with the hub.</li> <li>• Built an administrative feature for non-IT people. This will allow activation of a country without the need of IT expertise.</li> <li>• Successfully completed four industry case studies: three studies in grains and one in seeds.</li> <li>• Industry report savings of 25-100 dollars per shipment using the system.</li> <li>• Phytos received from another country are not exposed to an importer. It still relies on the exporter giving the importer the certificate number that can be latter presented to the government authority.</li> <li>• Looking forward to having Mexico, Central American and Caribbean countries to join. Phytos issued by the US need to be physically taken to their destination by the industry. In these cases, ePhyto should save a lot of money for the industry.</li> <li>• No hard copies in 3 of the 4 case studies.</li> </ul> <p>From IPPC</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Hub pilot has completed.</li> <li>• Generic system being piloted in Samoa, Sri Lanka, and Ghana.</li> <li>• In late June: work will be done with six countries in the Caribbean to join the Generic system</li> <li>• EU working closely with the hub developer and hope to have their internal system connected to the hub by November. This will allow exchange with all the EU countries.</li> <li>• Demo in Rome like the one done in the AM in Tucson.</li> </ul>	
Item 2:	Industry updates	
Consensus:	Industry users of eCert in Canada will be trained to use the system.	
<b>Next Steps</b>		
<b>Responsible Person</b>	<b>Action</b>	<b>Date</b>
<b>Next Meeting</b>		
Location:	To be confirmed	
Date:	Mid-July	
<b>Proposed Agenda Items</b>		

1. Ecert updates

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