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NAPPO Conference Call Report

<p align="center"><i>Tuta absoluta</i> Discussion Document Expert Group Video Conference – Zoom 2:00 to 3:00 pm EST, Wednesday, April 3, 2024</p>		
Expert Group:	<i>Tuta absoluta</i> Discussion Document	
Location:	Zoom video conference	
Chair:	N/A	
Participants:		
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<p align="center">Summary</p>		
Item 1:	Continuation of our previous discussions on the response plan	
Consensus:	<p>As per the project proposal, the objective is to develop a response plan that would mitigate the impact on trade in the NAPPO region should <i>Tuta absoluta</i> be detected in a member country.</p> <p>Expert group (EG) members need to define what element of a response plan to include in the discussion document. Lessons learned from a previous NAPPO project, “Standardization of responsibilities and actions for safeguarding consignments that have transited one NAPPO member country to enter another NAPPO member country,” were discussed, and it was decided that the EG would develop a flowchart describing measures that would be taken in their country should <i>Tuta absoluta</i> be detected. These flowcharts will provide the information for each country’s response plan.</p> <p>It was also suggested that we use specific scenarios to help better define the possible impact on trade and mitigation measures. For example, if <i>Tuta absoluta</i> was detected in Mexico:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • what would be the impact on trade with the U.S. and Canada • what steps could be taken to reduce that impact. <p>Other items for consideration:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • what would trigger the need for communication between the NPPOs (examples of existing communication plans include AGM, Khapra beetle) • what communication and outreach would be needed between NPPO, NPPO and industry, NPPO and general public • at what point should industry become involved. 	

Item 3:	Next meeting	
Consensus:	For the next video conference: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The EG will present the flowcharts and continue discussing the response plan. 	
Next Steps		
Responsible person	Action	Date
All	Develop a flowchart that clarifies the different steps to be taken once <i>Tuta absoluta</i> is detected. Complete the information in the different sections of the draft document	7 days before next meeting (to allow for translation)
Next Meeting		
Location:	Zoom meeting	
Date:	May 6 from 1:00 to 2:00 pm ET The Secretariat will send a calendar invite	
Proposed agenda		
1. Continue discussing the response plan		
2. Discuss the possibility of having a face-to-face meeting		