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Organización Norteamericana de Protección a las Plantas

NAPPO Conference Call/Meeting Report

Expert Group/:	Electronic Phytosanitary Certification (eCert)	
Location:	Conference call	
Date:	November 29, 2018	
Chairperson	Christian Dellis (APHIS PPQ)	
Participants:		
Jaime Richardson (CFIA)	Timothy Cunningham (APHIS PPQ)	Delfino Hernández (SENASICA)
Steve Côté (CFIA)	Patricia Abad (APHIS PPQ)	Nedelka Marin-Martínez (NAPPO)
Alonso Suazo (NAPPO)		

Summary

Project:	Electronic Certification
General comments:	<p>The chairperson gave a brief update on the EG activities during the 42nd NAPPO annual meeting and provided international updates. He indicated that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Live demo at the NAPPO annual meeting was very well received. • In addition to the exchange, the new feature in the hub to validate XML was also demonstrated. • Twenty countries have already joined the hub in various stages of the system. • US is now exchanging electronic certificates through the hub with Chile, Argentina and New Zealand. • ePhyto IPPC Steering group will meet the week of December 2. • A live exchange demo will be performed the following week at the APPPC meeting. • Generic system (2nd part of the IPPC project): Piloting has started with Ghana, Samoa and Sri Lanka. Sri Lanka has successfully created a certificate. The chairperson explained that the generic system is connected to the hub and once countries start using and exchanging in the generic system, they become partners with other countries in the system. • Case studies with the industry: One case study has been completed and three studies are pending (in process), ephytos have been received by the foreign country,

	<p>however, the commodities were not received. One of these case studies is important because it involves a letter of credit from a bank which is important to make sure that all industry needs are addressed.</p>	
Item 1:	Country and industry updates	
Consensus:	<p>Canada</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CFIA will provide updates in the next conference calls <p>Mexico</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mexico is in a transition stage and are waiting for approval of the 2019 budget. • Changes will be made as soon as the budget for 2019 is approved. • The Chairperson asked the EG members from Mexico to continue to send a few more ephytos in the test environment to determine what is still outstanding. <p>US</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Chairperson indicated that the US has learned lessons from the industry case studies and will implement a change in the system that will be completed in mid-December 2019. <p>Industry updates</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Updates were not provided. No industry representatives were present in the conference call. 	
Next steps		
Responsible Person	Action	Date
Mexico	Continue to send a few more ephytos in the test environment to determine what is still outstanding	Not determined
Next Meeting		
Location:	Conference call	
Date:	Not determined but suggested to be in January or February 2019.	
Proposed Agenda Items		
1. Country Updates – Canada, Mexico, United States		
2. Industry Update		
3. IPPC ePhyto Project Update		