



# NAPPO

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

## NAPPO Conference Call/Meeting Report

Expert Group:	Electronic Phytosanitary Certification (eCert)	
Location:	Conference call	
Date:	January 23, 2017	
Chairperson:	Christian Dellis (APHIS PPQ)	
Participants:		
Michael Perry (APHIS PPQ)	Timothy Cunningham (APHIS PPQ)	Jaime Richardson (CFIA)
Katharine Church (CFIA)	Brian Zak (Canada Industry)	Chuck Dentelbeck (Canada Industry)
Patricia Abad (APHIS PPQ)	Nedelka Marin-Martinez (NAPPO secretariat)	Alonso Suazo (NAPPO secretariat)
<b>Summary</b>		
Project:	Electronic Certification	
General comments:	Project updates provided by the Chairperson and EG members from each country	
Item 1:	Updates provided by the EG Chairperson	
Consensus:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• IPPC funding received to work on the Hub and generic system</li> <li>• Next call will be on March 27, 2017</li> <li>• A meeting of IPPC Steering Group, and representatives from CITES and WCO is scheduled for March</li> <li>• After meeting in March, the schema will be updated and loaded into the ePhyto website of the IPPC</li> <li>• The IPPC is projecting to pilot the hub into a mainframe sometime in June or July</li> <li>• Generic system pilot will likely start a couple months after hub</li> <li>• Chairperson asked the industry about the most frequently used codes</li> <li>• Chairperson indicated that there is still information missing particularly on wood products and seeds</li> <li>• Canada industry informed the Border Consultation Committee proposed scientific names for all commodities entering Canada and asked the group if this is in agreement with the work done with the IPPC</li> </ul>	

Item 2:	Country updates
Consensus:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• USA <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Meeting scheduled with Canada to both countries systems and lessons learned. The meeting will occur the week of February 20th</li> <li>○ A mechanism to transfer phytos to CBP via an electronic system is scheduled to begin work in April. Importers will need to provide their phyto number and country of origin.</li> <li>○ USA is reviewing other options with the electronic exchange. Everything will be standardized.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Mexico <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Continues to make changes. Mexico requested from the US to conduct tests.</li> <li>○ Mexico has made improvements to have the system standardized in Ver 10 and 11. The system is ready to be tested. Mexico requested the US to do the testing and provide feedbacks.</li> <li>○ Mexico continues to have constant communication with the US</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Canada <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Canada is continuing to work on their export systems and to enter information into the plant health system.</li> <li>○ EG members are looking forward to meet with the Chairperson to see how to proceed with the electronic system</li> </ul> </li> </ul>

**Next Steps**

<b>Responsible Person</b>	<b>Action</b>	<b>Date</b>
All EG members	<p>Provide feedbacks for the schema. Each country should be cautious about special fields in the phytosanitary system. This information is needed to know how the present work can accommodate to the ephyto system.</p> <p>Chairperson suggested to look at phytos and see if there are any fields outside ISPM 12.</p> <p>Canada industry mentioned that HT certificates have problems with the certification dates.</p> <p>The Chairperson also indicated there are issues with multiple dates and the schema will accommodate it now.</p>	By March 8, 2017

<b>Next Meeting</b>	
Location:	Conference call
Date:	March 27 at 11:00am EDT (10:00am Mexico time)
<b>Proposed Agenda Items</b>	
1. Update on Steering Group Meeting	
2. Read out on Canada/US meeting	
3. Country reports on current activities	