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NAPPO Conference Call/Meeting Report

Expert Group:	Forestry- <i>Evaluating the risk associated with different types of wood packaging material – Opportunities to improve ISPM 15 compliance.</i>	
Location:	Zoom	
Date:	March 5, 2026	
Chairperson	Meghan Noseworthy (NR Canada)	
Participants:		
Samuel Podlipsky (Mexican Industry)	Enrique Negrete (Mexican industry)	Tyrone Jones (APHIS PPQ)
Faith Campbell	Leigh Greenwood (US industry)	Dave Kretschmann (US industry)
Tanya Staffen (CFIA – NAPPO AMC)	John Daniels (USDA)	Scot Geffros (Canadian industry)
Maria Teresa Cantoral (SEMARNAT)	María José Martínez (Mexican industry)	Alonso Suazo (NAPPO)
Nedelka Marín-Martínez (NAPPO)		

Summary

Project:	Forestry- <i>Evaluating the risk associated with different types of wood packaging material – Opportunities to improve ISPM 15 compliance.</i>
General comments:	The EG focused on reviewing the status and next steps for the NAPPO ISPM 15 S&T document.
Item 1:	NAPPO in-person October 2025 meeting - review of agenda, discussion, and meeting report
Consensus:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - An overview of the status of the project was provided. - The objectives, as described in the project specification, were reviewed. - The tasks described in the project specification were reviewed, and noted that three tasks required data that were not available. - The group agreed to focus on the outstanding tasks that did not require data - <i>Development of a technical document</i> and <i>Development of recommendations on how to improve compliance for higher-risk WPM categories.</i> - The group noted that recommendations should encompass the receiving country's perspective. - The group discussed the need to include avocado industry representatives from Mexico in future discussions on WPM. Alonso noted that the upcoming NAPPO Annual meeting will be in Mexico in 2026 and plans to increase industry participation. - Faith shared insights from the recent USDA invasive

	species research meeting and will send her notes on topics of interest to this group.
Item 2:	Potential recommendations
Consensus:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The group discussed potential recommendations for the S&T document for development and discussion, including but not limited to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Adoption of harmonized terminology for categories of WPM to improve management of WPM, as well as data collection for regulators to potentially apply risk-based management models to WPM inspection. o Review of production process associated with different categories of ISPM 15 WPM to potentially improve WPM that is less common or irregular (e.g., custom crates, dunnage). o Potential data collection recommendations (<i>including data collection by volume type</i>). o Audit o Enhanced enforcement o Training and education opportunities for the production and verification of ISPM 15 WPM (IPPC guides and courses, and regional workshops) o Research opportunities. - The group discussed the possibility of creating a preliminary document that supports data collection initiatives with customs agencies to encourage the implementation of data collection tools. It was noted that this would be a major output of the group's work and in the S&T document; however, more immediate advocacy would be helpful.
Item 3:	WPM terminology
Consensus:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The group discussed developing WPM harmonized terminology. A potential place for these term definitions may be the IPPC Guide to the Regulation of wood packaging material. - The EG members from Mexico discussed and agreed to meet outside of the EG meetings to review and harmonize terminology for wood packaging material used in Mexico and communicate outcomes to the larger EG. The terms will be added to the table in the working S&T document. The term definitions currently in the NAPO S&T draft document are from industry. - The group noted that harmonized terminology could be developed for NAPPO and incorporated in RSPM 5.
Item 4:	Writing subgroup
Consensus:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - At the meeting in October, EG members volunteered to be a part of a subgroup that will meet every two weeks to help move the project forward, with members including Leigh, Eric, Brad, Sam, and Meghan (as well as a

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> member from SEMARNAT). - The Google Docs (or Teams) version could be used to track progress and changes by the larger EG. - SEMARNAT representatives volunteered to join the subgroup 	
Item 5:	Microsoft Teams	
Consensus:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The group discussed using Teams to meet and share documents. All agreed to try this to improve sharing and communication. 	
Item 6:	Next meeting	
Consensus:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The group discussed having a recurring monthly meeting going forward, which will start on April 1st, 2026. 	
Next Steps		
Responsible Person	Action	Date
María Teresa, SEMARNAT and María José Martínez, Mexican industry	To meet outside of the EG meetings to review and harmonize terminology for wood packaging material in Mexico and communicate outcomes to the larger EG	
Faith Campbell	To send USDA Invasive Species meeting summary notes on trapping and export port monitoring	
Meghan Noseworthy	To share a downloaded Word document version of the draft S&T document to comment on after each subgroup meeting	
Alonso Suazo	To set up a Teams Channel for sharing documents and conducting meetings for the EG	
Alonso Suazo	To send the Google Doc folder for access to Scott and Maria Teresa.	
Meghan and Alonso	Coordinate and share the meeting report with the EG	
Next Meeting		
Location:	Virtual meeting	
Date:	April 1, 2026 from 2:00 to 3:00 p.m. Eastern Standard Time	
Proposed Agenda Items		
1. Review action items of the March 2026 EG meeting.		
2. Review S&T document recommendations, additions, and changes from the subgroup.		