

North American Sea Container Initiative Update

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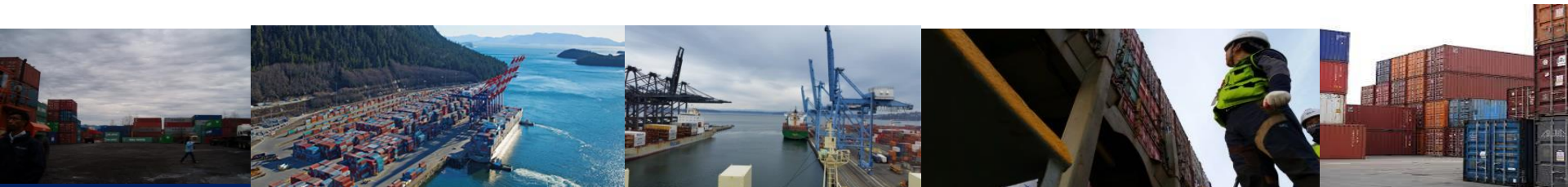
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What's been done since NAPPO 2018

- Communication material and plan (e.g. logo, infographic, FAQ, video)
- Joint outreach information housed on NAPPO website
<https://www.nappo.org/english/nasci/>
- CPM-14 Side Session on sea containers
- IPPC Sea Container Task Force meeting in Baltimore in September 2019





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LINKS

U.S.-Canada Sea Container Cleanliness Notice

- [English](#)
- [Simplified Chinese](#)

Preventing the Spread of Invasive Pests, Recommended Practices for the Container Supply Chain

- [English](#)
- [French](#)

North American Sea Container Initiative, **Frequently Asked Questions**

- [English](#)

Sea Container Cleanliness: [Preventing the Spread of Invasive Pests \(Video\)](#)

ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

- [Joint Industry Guidelines for Cleaning of Containers](#)
- [International Maritime Organization's Code of Practice for Packing Cargo Transport Units \(CTU Code\)](#)

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THE NORTH AMERICAN SEA CONTAINER INITIATIVE

To protect North American agriculture, forestry and natural resources against the introduction of invasive pests and diseases, the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) and the Canadian Food Inspection Agency (CFIA) have worked with U.S. and Canadian border protection agencies, shippers, and global shipping companies to develop the following guidance for cleaning and inspecting sea containers. The guidance complements the International Maritime Organization's [Code of Practice for Packing Cargo Transport Units \(CTU Code\)](#). Everyone involved in moving containers has an opportunity to protect our crops, forests, and livestock by ensuring that containers and their cargo are free from unwanted plants, plant products, insects, snails, soil, animals and animal droppings.

IMPACT OF INVASIVE PESTS ON TRADE

Invasive pests threaten crops, forests, and livestock. They also have a very real impact on trade. When a contaminated container is found in port, the cargo owner, importer, or shipper can expect:

- delayed cargo release
- demurrage charges due to cargo holds, and
- unexpected costs associated with having the container quarantined, tarped and treated, cleaned, or re-exported back to origin at the cargo owner's expense

By taking reasonable steps to keep containers and their cargo clean, you will help prevent the spread of invasive pests through commerce and facilitate the movement of your containers through North American ports. As a result, you may experience:

- reduced port-of-entry inspections;
- faster cargo release; and
- fewer unexpected expenses, such as demurrage charges due to cargo holds or costs associated with having your container quarantined, tarped and treated, cleaned, or re-exported back to origin



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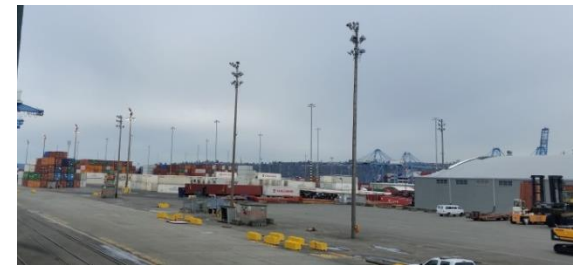
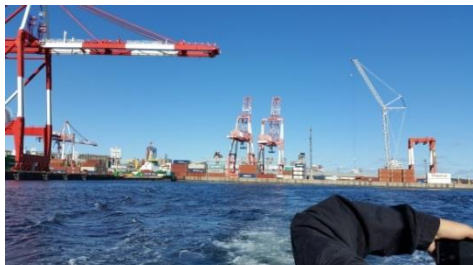
What's next

- Host international meeting for container logistics players with focus on how to involve packers, unpackers, exporters and importers (winter 2020)
- Contribute to revision of CTU code plant health/cleanliness aspects
- Develop procedures and text that could be used for making recommendations to IPPC
- Continue outreach and education efforts
- Continue to work with government and industry to collect data to continue to measure biosecurity risks of sea container pathway

Working Together We Can

- Identify biosecurity risks and how to mitigate them
- Increase awareness to many stakeholders, industries and organizations
- Minimize biosecurity risk while maintaining trade flow

shared risk = shared responsibility





Thank you

Comments, Questions, Discussion

Container and cargo cleanliness
Shared Risk – Shared Responsibility