



## ***“Americas focused” ISPM 38 (International Movement of Seeds) Implementation Workshop***

March 5-7, 2019; IICA, San José, Costa Rica

### ***Representatives from ...***

- the National Plant Protection Organizations of 13 countries in the Americas (Argentina, Bolivia, Brasil, Canada, Costa Rica, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, Jamaica, México, Nicaragua, Perú, United States),
- 4 Regional Plant Protection Organizations (CAN, COSAVE, NAPPO and OIRSA),
- the International Seed Federation (ISF),
- the Seed Association of the Americas (SAA)
- 6 national seed associations (CSTA, ASTA, AMSAC, ECUASEM, APISEMILLAS, ASA),
- 7 seed related companies (Bayer Crop Science, Rijk Zwaan, Voloagri, Germaines Seed Technology, HMClause, Corteva, Semillas Basso), and
- one representative from academia

agreed on the following ...

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### ***Complete and successful implementation of ISPM 38 (International Movement of Seeds) means that ...***

Seed is moved between countries

- With managed risk,
- With technically justified and predictable phytosanitary requirements, and
- Without undue phytosanitary restrictions and delays

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Future systems approaches for seeds (like the voluntary USDA-APHIS **ReFreSH** - **Regulatory Framework for Seed Health** and similar programs) will provide an **alternative** to consignment by consignment phytosanitary certification, where official accreditation of seed production systems and processes\* can become the basis for phytosanitary certification.

\*production processes to be clearly defined by the definitions group (see action items)



### *Opportunities as we move forward*

- Establish trust
  - In the risk reduction potential of seed production systems and processes\*
  - between/among NPPOs, academia and industry
- Recognize importance of two-way communication in building trust
- Recognize that we have to work in steps towards harmonization
  - understanding the impact of purpose of import on pest risk
  - avoiding redundant measures at import on seeds previously certified by the exporting NPPO unless technically justified
  - review of measures taken to verify compliance at import
  - validation of diagnostic tests
  - phytosanitary treatments – development of new treatments, treatment validation, efficacy data, information sharing
  - agreement on most serious seed-transmitted pests of different seed commodities
  - recognition of equivalence of measures
- While united in the goal to move seeds internationally with managed risk, with technically justified and predictable phytosanitary requirements and without undue phytosanitary restrictions and delays, we recognize that each country/region has their own priorities and resources and will move forward accordingly. We also recognize that additional capacity building may be necessary.



### *Action Items\*\**

1. **Definitions group** tasked with collecting industry and regulatory terms and developing a “glossary” to facilitate/improve communication among implementers of ISPM 38
  - a. Members - Ramon Canizares (CAN), Stephanie Bloem (NAPPO), Samantha Thomas (Bayer), Avtar Virk (CFIA), Nancy Osterbauer (USDA-APHIS), Delia Bastida (SENASICA), Ed Podleckis (USDA-APHIS)
  - b. timeline – 6 months
  - c. next steps – NAPPO will put together initial list of terms and organize first virtual meeting; S. Bloem will chair the group
2. **Share** NAPPO RSPM on lab accreditation and provide supporting information on validation processes and guidelines under development by different groups, including APS paper on validation

- a. ISF, NAPPO, NSHS, and others
  - b. timeline – next few months
  - c. next steps – NAPPO will collect materials and post them on the ISPM 38 webpages on the NAPPO website
3. **Share** examples of systems approaches
- a. NPPOs will follow-up
  - b. timeline – next three months
  - c. next steps – NAPPO will collect materials and post them on the ISPM 38 webpages on the NAPPO website
4. **Communications group** tasked with identifying what needs to be shared/communicated between/among industry, NPPOs and RPPOs as we move forward towards implementation of ISPM 38. For example, interception records, regulations, industry seed production systems and processes.
- a. Members – Ed Podleckis (USDA-APHIS), Patricia McAllister (CFIA), Ines Ares (SAA), Tracy Bruns (Iowa State), Ric Dunkle (ASTA); pathway illustrations from Tracy)
  - b. timeline – open
  - c. next steps – group will need to meet virtually to narrow the scope of what to share/communicate; Ric will organize the first call; Ric will chair the group
5. Provide information on relevant **COSAVE regional standards**
- a. Maria Elena Gatti (SENASA) will lead and then share information with the Communications group
  - b. timeline – 6 months
6. Share **SAA questionnaire** for use within the broader hemisphere
- a. Natalia will provide to Stephanie; questionnaire might need updating/reworking
  - b. Timeline – 1-2 months

*\*\*NAPPO website will be used as the platform to support action items*

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***Not an action item resulting from this workshop, but the group “recognizes that countries may need to review their national legislation as part of implementing ISPM 38”.***