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Project 1: Status of Potato Pests in NAPPO Countries

Objective

Annual review of the pest list contained in Appendix 1, RSPM 3.

- RSPM 3, *Movement of Potatoes into a NAPPO Member Country*
- *Ongoing project*

Deliverable

The annual review and publication of the pest list - reference tool.

Project 2: Align RSPM 3 with ISPM 33

Objectives

Review and align RSPM 3 (2011) with the international standard ISPM 33 (2010).

- ISPM 33: Standard on *Pest free potato (Solanum sp.)* micropropagative material and minitubers for international trade.
- Pertains to the import requirements for plantlets, microtubers and minitubers - post entry quarantine and/ or post-entry monitoring, in accordance to the requirements of the importing country.

Deliverables/ Next Step

- The review and alignment of a draft RSPM 3 was completed in February 2016 and circulated for a 90 day comment period.
- The country consultation period ended on May 31, 2016.
- The Expert Group reviewed all comments received and revised the draft in June 2016.
- The revised draft is being reviewed by each NAPPO country.

Project 3: 5-year Review of RSPM 3

Objective

- A full review of RSPM 3 occurs every 5-year, or at the request of a NAPPO member country.

Deliverable

- Annex 6 on Pre-shipment Testing for Potato Virus pathovar N (PVY^N) was removed from the standard.
- As a result of the ongoing project to align RSPM 3 to ISPM 33 (project 2), no further adjustments were required.

Progress during 2016-17

- A total of three **teleconferences** were held in 2017: January 12, March 9, and September 14.
- The predominate activity for 2017 was project 2 - the review, alignment and consultation of RSPM 3 as related to ISPM 33.

Next steps and proposed activities for 2017-18

Next Step

- Ongoing review of the pest list, appendix 1 (project 1).
- Complete the domestic consultation of the revised RSPM 3 (project 2) and development of implementation plans.
- No new projects were initiated.