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Organización Norteamericana de Protección a las Plantas

NAPPO Conference Call Report

Expert Group:	Electronic Phytosanitary Certification (eCert)	
Location:	Conference call	
Date:	August 30, 2018	
Chairperson	Christian Dellis (APHIS-PPQ)	
Participants:		
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Summary		
Project /Proyecto:	Electronic Certification.	
General comments:	The Chairperson requested to provide country, Industry and IPPC updates.	
Item 1:	Country and industry updates	
Consensus:	<p>Canada:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Notification to other countries that Canada is going to change their phytosanitary certificate has been sent to the WTO. <p>Mexico:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mexico has begun testing the IPPC Hub. Test certificates have been exchanged with Argentina and the US. Reviewing the XML to see what else needs to change/be modified before going to production. <p>US:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The US is currently exchanging e-phytos with Argentina and New Zealand and will probably start with Chile shortly. A lot of progress working with Mexico. The US and Mexico will soon start exchanging e-phytos. The US is actively working with the industry in “case studies.” First “case study” is currently underway between the US and Argentina. A report on these “case studies” will be put together by the IPPC. 	

	Industry updates: Not provided at this time.	
Item 2:	IPPC Updates.	
Consensus:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Hub has recently gone through an update and version 2.2 mapping has been published. • The validation tool, which provide information on the fields to be modified in xml files, is ready. • The generic system will start piloting in late September. • There is a growing interest in the generic system around the world. • The generic system will automatically connect to the hub. Every country that connect through the generic system will be automatically a partner in the exchange. • First countries to use the generic system are Ghana, Sri Lanka and Samoa. • There will be a Latin American ePhyto workshop hosted by Argentina the week of September 10th (first workshop delivered in Spanish). • There will be a live demo at the Latin American workshop and at the NAPPO annual meeting. • The Near-East and African RPPOs (NEPPO and IAPSC) will also put a workshop on ePhyto possibly at the beginning of 2019. 	
Item 3:	NAPPO annual meeting group report	
Consensus:	The Chairperson indicated to the group that the same format used for the 2017 group report will be used at the 2018 annual meeting and asked members from Mexico and Canada to provide each one or two slides summarizing their country updates	
Next Steps		
Responsible Person	Action	Date
EG members	Provide a PowerPoint slide to the Chairperson outlining the country updates.	As soon as possible.
Next Meeting		
Location:	Conference call	
Date:	To be determined after the NAPPO annual meeting.	
Proposed Agenda Items		