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NAPPO Conference Call Report

Expert Group:	Khapra beetle	
Location:	Conference call	
Date:	March 2, 2018	
Chairperson		
Participants		
Nallely Acevedo Reyes (SENASICA)	Scott Myers (APHIS PPQ)	Stephen Bullington (APHIS PPQ)
Richard Johnson (APHIS PPQ)	Wendy Asbil (CFIA)	Jason Murphy (CFIA – new EG member)
Rajesh Ramarathnam (CFIA)	Patricia Abad (APHIS PPQ)	William Williams (Observer-CFIA)
Stephanie Bloem (NAPPO)	Nedelka Marín-Martínez (NAPPO)	Alonso Suazo (NAPPO)
Summary		
Project:	A North American Approach to Prevent Introduction, Establishment and Spread of Khapra Beetle (<i>Trogoderma granarium</i>) in Various Pathways.	
General comments:	The teleconference agenda was discussed, including: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Report from the ED regarding the EC meeting held in Mexico City last February• Report on issues related to Khapra beetle discussed during the North American Sea Container Initiative (NASCI) meeting• Current status of the reference document: is there more information to be included? How much time does the EG need to complete the first outline? When and where would we hold a face-to-face meeting?• Other issues	
Item 1:	Report on issues discussed during the EC meeting held in Mexico City last February.	
Consensus:	The ED informed the group that: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• The NAPPO EC meeting was a total success and many issues were discussed.• México will develop an emerging pest threat that will be included in the NAPPO phytosanitary pest alert system• México has had several interceptions of Khapra beetle in different commodities. They also informed that interceptions include different developmental stages of	

	Khapra beetle.	
Item 2:	Report on issues related to Khapra beetle discussed during the North American Sea Container Initiative (NASCI) meeting	
Consensus:	<p>Wendy Asbil, member of the NASCI, provided a brief explanation of the history and objectives of this initiative and summarized the main points discussed during that meeting held in Maryland, on February 28 of this year. Wendy mentioned that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The initiative is a joint effort between government and industry • Shipping containers are a significant pathway for the introduction of quarantine pests • The main objective of the initiative is to raise awareness and educate stakeholders on the fact that sea containers represent a pathway of introduction for invasive quarantine pests • Initially, there was an attempt to develop an international standard, however this was not feasible due to the complexity in the movement of sea containers • as such, practices used by industry and NPPOs (packing, transportation, etc.) were reviewed and the question was posed whether voluntary measures were sufficient to reduce the risk of pest introduction without mandatory certification programs • cases related to phytosanitary risks were mentioned, including Khapra beetle and Asian gypsy moth. 	
Item 3:	Current status of the reference document	
Consensus:	<p>Regarding the reference document and next steps for the project, the EG agreed that,</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • the reference document needs additional information, but its current status is sufficient to allow the group to begin working on the outline of the discussion document • Canada will continue adding information to the reference document while simultaneously drafting the discussion document • Scott Myers and Wendy Asbil will start drafting the discussion document • A face-to-face meeting will be planned pending EG progress on the discussion document. Tentative date for the meeting will be the week of June 4. 	
Next Steps		
Responsible Person	Action	Date
Canada	Continue adding information to the reference document	As needed

Mexico – Ana Lilia Montealegre	Prepare the emerging pest alert for the PAS	ASAP
Scott Myers and Wendy Asbil	Draft the outline for the discussion document	
NAPPO	Send a doodle poll to schedule the next conference call.	Second week of March
Next Meeting		
Location:	Conference call	
Date:	Last week of April. A Doodle poll will be sent to the group.	
Proposed Agenda Items		
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