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NAPPO Conference Call Report

Expert Group:	Revision of RSPM 17	
Location:	Conference Call	
Date:	July 18, 2019	
Chairperson	Kenneth Bloem (APHIS PPQ)	
Participants:		
Mireille Marcotte (CFIA)	Heather Cumming (CFIA)	Neil Henry (CFIA)
Michael Bush (Washington Dept. of Agriculture)	Francisco López (Mexico)	James Reynolds (US industry)
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Summary		
Project:	Revision of RSPM 17 (<i>Guidelines for the establishment, maintenance and verification of fruit fly-free areas in NA</i>)	
Item 1:	Do we need to revise RSPM 17?	
Consensus:	<p>The Chairperson gave a quick review of RSPM 17 and indicated that several international standards have been adopted since RSPM 17 was put in place including ISPM 4, 6, 8, 9, 10, 17, 22, 29 and 30 which contain overlapping information with RSPM 17. ISPM 26 (<i>Establishment of pest free areas for fruit flies (Tephritidae)</i>) has a considerable amount of overlap with RSPM 17. Additionally, the IPPC has produced a manual on pest-free areas that also contain overlapping information with that of RSPM 17.</p> <p>In spite all the overlapping information with many international standards, RSPM 17 is unique because it provides details agreed by all NAPPO countries needed to establish and run a pest free area program.</p> <p>The EG engaged in a discussion to evaluate whether a revision of RSPM 17 is necessary. The Chairperson presented the following options:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • update RSPM 17 with new information • update RSPM 17 with a manual type of approach • archive RSPM 17 and refer to other ISPMs 	

			The EG agreed to take additional time to compare the information in RSPM 17 with that of the international standards listed above, the IPPC manual on pest free areas and/or any other documentation to determine whether RSPM 17 needs to be revised. The chairperson agreed to frame the options for further discussion with the EG during the next conference call.		
Next Steps					
Responsible Person		Action			Date
Next Meeting					
Location:		Conference call			
Date:		August 26, 2019 from 2:00-3:00 pm EST			
Proposed Agenda Items					
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