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Organización Norteamericana de Protección a las Plantas

NAPPO Conference Call Report

Expert Group:	Seeds	
Location:	Teleconference	
Date:	Friday, March 18, 2016	
Chairperson	Christina Devorshak	
Participants:		
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Summary

Project:	Developing harmonized criteria for evaluating phytosanitary seed treatments
General comments:	The call was well attended and generated some discussion on the project proposal. Mexico noted that it has been working on this issue for some time and that the NAPPO project is very timely for answering key questions on how to evaluate seed treatments.
Item 1:	The group reviewed the project proposal and identified that the output of the project will be to develop an S&T document that describes criteria that should be considered in developing treatment for seeds.
Consensus:	
Item 2:	The group discussed challenges related to how treatments for seeds can be evaluated. It was noted that various processes for handling seeds will affect seed treatments as well as diagnostics for seed diseases.
Consensus:	
Item 3:	The group discussed next steps and agreed that as an initial step, each of the three countries and the industry reps for each country could gather information on treatments for seeds and if possible, how diagnostics are related to treatments for diseases.
Consensus:	The group agreed that information gathering would be an appropriate first step. After information is gathered on the topic, it can be summarized and translated for further consideration by the group.

Next Steps		
Responsible Person	Action	Date
NPPO expert group members	<p>Each NPPO representative will gather information including information on how treatments for seeds have been handled by their NPPO, and any challenges they have faced in developing treatments.</p> <p>Each NPPO representative will also gather information from the scientific literature that may be relevant to this topic.</p>	April 24
Industry representatives	Each industry representative will work with their industries to see if there is information they can provide on the topic.	April 24
Christina (as EG Chair)	As information is gathered, members of the expert group will send it to Christina. Christina will collate the information and send a list of articles or other documents to the expert group before the next call scheduled for April 29.	April 26
Next Meeting		
Location:	Conference call and WEBEX	
Date:	Friday April 29, 2pm ET, 1 pm Mexico	
Proposed Agenda Items		
1. Review list of articles		
2. Identify articles that may need to be summarized and translated		
3. Begin to clarify key elements that may be appropriate to include in S&T document		