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NAPPO Conference Call Report

Expert Group:	Forestry Systems Approaches	
Location:	Conference Call	
Date:	January 18, 2018	
Chairperson	Eric Allen (NR Can)	
Participants:		
Steve Côté (CFIA)	Nancy Furness (CFIA)	Gustavo Gonzales (SEMARNAT)
Meghan Noseworthy (NR Can)	Paul Chaloux (APHIS PPQ)	Chuck Dentelbeck (Can Ind.)
Dave Kretschmann (US Ind.)	Brad Gething (US Ind.)	Faith Campbell (NGO)
Rajesh Ramarathnam (CFIA)	Patricia Abad (APHIS PPQ)	Stephanie Bloem (NAPPO)
Nedelka Marin-Martínez (NAPPO)	Alonso Suazo (NAPPO)	
Summary		
Project:	Develop an RSPM on the use of systems approaches to manage pest risks associated with the movement of wood.	
General comments:	The objective of this conference call was to determine the next steps in order to link RSPM 41 and the explanatory document (ExD).	
Item 1:	Welcome and introductory remarks	
Consensus:	The Chairperson welcomed all members that joined the call and indicated that the US and CA provided comments and suggestions on the standard and the ExD. The Chairperson also indicated there was consensus that the two documents were in good shape.	
Item 2:	Next steps linking RSPM 41 and the ExD	
Consensus:	<p>Following a brief introduction, the Chairperson suggested that the group should take the comments and suggestions provided by CA and US and incorporate them into the document and, also asked the group to provide comments regarding the way the standard and the ExD should be kept. The options proposed were:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • keep both documents as separated documents • keep the ExD as an appendix to the standard. <p>The NAPPO ED indicated that the NAPPO Secretariat will make</p>	

an effort to link the documents in the NAPPO webpage, if the final decision is to keep the documents separated.

An AMC member noted that

- using explanatory documents with a standard is a new concept for NAPPO
- NAPPO should develop specific policies to use ExDs with standards
- a link to the ExD should be provided in the standard and,
- the EC should be consulted whether the revised documents should go for country consultation.
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Group's comments – Appendix or separate documents

- One EG member indicated that the ExD should not be an Annex.
- There are other NAPPO standards with Appendices but for the most part, they are fairly succinct (i.e. RSPM 16). It would look awkward to have a long appendix with a short standard.
- The EG member from MX expressed strong support to have both documents separated.
- All industry representatives were in support to have separated documents.

General consensus: Keep documents separated and have a way to link them to the main document (the standard). The Chairperson also indicated that the group should make a recommendation to the AMC and EC. AMC members indicated they will bring this issue to the EC.

The NAPPO ED indicated that NAPPO will develop terms of reference for the use of explanatory documents with a standard. The ED also indicated that the IPPC has documents available that could be used as a reference to develop the NAPPO terms of reference for explanatory documents.

Group's comments - country consultation:

- The Chairperson asked the group about how to proceed with country consultation and indicated that country consultation will provide a good opportunity for scientific consultation. He also indicated that guidance from the EC will be needed to proceed with country consultation.
- An AMC member indicated that it will be discussed with the EC in the next AMC / EC meeting in February.
- Both documents should go for country consultation, if needed.

Next Steps

Responsible Person	Action	Date
Chairperson	Send Doodle Poll to the EG members to schedule a conference call and incorporate comments and suggestions submitted by the US and Canada.	Before January 26, 2018
EG members	Incorporate comments and suggestions provided by US and Canada to the main document.	During the next conference call
NAPPO Secretariat	Coordinate and provide logistics for the next conference call including the use of Momentum Telecom for the EG members to see the editorial changes in real time.	During the next conference call
NAPPO Secretariat	Work on a foundational document on “ <i>Terms of Reference for the use of Explanatory Documents with a Regional Standard.</i> ”	As needed
EG members	Provide comments on the ExD (in Google Docs). A link to the Google Doc file will be resend to the group.	By January 26, 2018
Next Meeting		
Location:		
Date:		
Proposed Agenda Items		
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