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NAPPO Conference Call Report

Expert Group:	Biological Control	
Location:	Conference call	
Date:	May 9, 2019	
Chairperson	Peter Mason (Agriculture and Agri Food Canada)	
Participants:		
Patricia Abad (APHIS PPQ)	Nedelka Marín-Martínez (NAPPO secretariat)	Hugo Arredondo (SENASICA)
Stephanie Bloem (NAPPO secretariat)	Bruno Gallant (CFIA)	Dominique Pelletier (CFIA)
Kirk Martin (APHIS-PPQ)	Robert Pfannensteil (APHIS PPQ)	Ron Weeks (APHIS PPQ)
Thierry Poirré (CFIA)	Gustavo Torres (SENASICA)	Melissa Tacolla (US industry)
Alonso Suazo (NAPPO secretariat)		
Summary		
Project:	Discuss agenda provided by Peter Mason (Chairperson)	
General comments:	Participants introduced themselves to the EG.	
Item 1:	Review of RSPM 22	
Consensus:	The project is now initiated. Three focus groups, Regulators, Researchers, and Industry will each review RSPM 22 and propose any changes that may be needed. Consultation with other groups (e.g. CFIA's Biohazard and Containment group) will be needed. Changes proposed will be based on regulatory aspects or new technologies relating to containment. The NAPPO discussion portal will have folders in which each subgroup can deposit information and reference material. Images can be included, and these would be placed in an Annex.	
Item 2:	Completion of Spanish module of RSPM 12 and upload to the NAPPO website.	
Consensus:	This has been completed and is now available on the NAPPO website.	
Item 3:	Preparation of 2019 country reports on regulatory, research and industry updates.	

Consensus:	Participants were reminded that these are annual updates and show be completed by December 15 2019
Item 4:	Upcoming meetings relevant to biological control for NAPPO newsletter.
Consensus:	Submissions can be made anytime by sending an email to the NAPPO Secretariat.
Item 5:	Potential new projects for the Biological Control EG
Consensus:	Review of RSPM 39 <i>Packaging for the international shipment of live invertebrates used as biological control agents</i> was last conducted in 2011. A proposal will be drafted, circulated to EG members, and submitted by the 30 June deadline. The updated criteria will be consulted to make sure the proposal meets them.
Item 6:	History of the Biological Control (Panel) Expert Group
Consensus:	The NAPPO Biological Control EG has been very active during the last 20+ years, producing 6 RSPMs and putting on several workshops. A review of these activities and participants would be a useful document.

Next Steps

Responsible Person	Action	Date
NAPPO Secretariat	Provide EG members with documentation on how to use the NAPPO discussion portal.	May 31, 2019
EG members	Review RSPM 22 completed and proposed changes identified. Reviews will be conducted by subgroups: Regulators, Researchers and Industry. Each will have a folder in which relevant comments/information, including reference documents, can be placed.	July 25, 2019
EG members	Provide 2019 annual reports on regulatory, research and industry updates. The NAPPO Secretariat will send reminders 2 months prior to the deadline.	December 15, 2019
EG members	Provide information on upcoming meetings relevant to biological control for NAPPO newsletter.	February, June, October 2019
P. Mason	Draft new projects for review of RSPM 39, circulate to EG members for comment, and submit.	June 30, 2019
Regulators/Researchers	Update Appendix II of RSPM 20, add any new approved agents, update taxonomy	July 25, 2019
H. Arredondo /P. Mason	Write article for July newsletter on contributions of the Biological Control EG to NAPPO	June 7, 2019

Next Meeting

Location:	Conference call
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Date:	July 25, 2019 at 2:00pm EDT
Proposed Agenda Items	
1. The agenda for the next conference call meeting will be provided by the EG Chairperson to all EG members prior to the scheduled conference call date.	