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NAPPO Conference Call Report

Expert Group:	Forestry-forest products.	
Location:	Conference call	
Date:	May 11, 2020	
Chairperson	Meghan Noseworthy (Nat. Res. Canada)	
Participants:		
Eric Allen (Retired)	John Tyrone Jones, II (APHIS-PPQ)	María Eugenia Guerrero Alarcón (SEMARNAT)
Gustavo Hernández Sánchez (SEMARNAT)	Chuck Dentelbeck (Canada Industry)	Scott Geffros (Canada Industry)
Dave Kretschmann (US Industry)	Brad Gething (US Industry)	Patricia Abad (APHIS-PPQ)
Stephanie Bloem (NAPPO)	Nedelka Marín-Martínez (NAPPO)	Alonso Suazo (NAPPO)
Summary		
Project:	Develop a Science and Technology document that provides guidance related to contaminating pests in certified wood packaging material and wood commodities.	
General comments:	The chairperson thanked EG members for providing comments and feedback to the Science and Technology document and indicated the document is in its early writing stages. The chairperson also indicated that the focus of this call is to work on the major aspects of the document to make sure the group agree with its content and outline. General comments on the S&T document will be addressed in this session and the writing group will continue to work through comments and suggestions from the EG, continue developing the document and have a copy for the EG to discuss during the next conference call.	
Item 1:	Document revision	
Consensus:	The EG addressed the comments made to the S&T document. Suggestion to use <i>contaminating 'organisms' rather than "pests"</i> in the title because based on the IPPC definition PRA must be conducted to determine whether an organism is a pest. For this document we are interested in all contaminating organisms on wood products and discuss contaminating pest case studies as well. EG members also suggested to provide more specific terminology in the document, more specifically to the terms wood commodities, which should clearly indicate whether the document addresses issues with processed or unprocessed (green) wood and other wood products. The chairperson indicated that that the writing subgroup will work on terminology and specify the scope of wood products addressed. The EG agreed to keep the terminology and abbreviations consistent with	

	the IPPC. Comments were addressed in the document up to section 2.2.2 <i>Visual Cues: Light.</i>	
Item 2:	Thermally modified wood	
Consensus:	<p>The chairperson gave a brief background on the “Thermally modified wood” proposal to consider TMW as a category on ISPM 32 (categorization of commodities according to their pest risk). She indicated that under ISPM 32, category 1 corresponds to “commodities that have been to the point where they do not remain capable of being infested with quarantine pests. Hence, no phytosanitary measures should be required” (example charcoal).</p> <p>The specific tasks assigned to the EG to send this proposal for consideration are to scientifically determine and validate the temperatures required to certify wood free of quarantine pests, to work with industry partners to determine a standardized temperature for TMW and how this process can be recognized as being phytosanitary safe (no certification requirements).</p> <p>The ED outlined the steps to work in this proposal as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • EG needs to put forward a formal statement using the relevant scientific evidence for this proposal • Bring this proposal to the IPPC standard committee. <p>The documentation will be sent to the NAPPO Secretariat to determine an appropriate timeline for the group to have a conference call and discuss the proposal.</p>	
Next Steps		
Responsible Person	Action	Date
Gustavo Hernández (SEMARNAT)	Will share Mexico’s pest interception data with the EG	
Writing group	To meet on May 25 to continue the work on the S&T document. The writing group will provide a copy of the most up to date version of the document to the Secretariat for translation and distribution to the EG.	
Chairperson	Send TMW documentation to the NAPPO Secretariat for translation and to determine a timeline to schedule a conference call for the EG to discuss.	
Next Meeting		
Location:	Conference call	
Date:	To be determined	
Proposed Agenda Items		
1. Overview of the NAPPO S&T document - Contaminating organisms on wood commodities– incorporated suggestions from the EG and new additions		

2. Discussion by EG on next steps - additional sections
3. EG to review incorporated suggestions and new additions; provide feedback
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