



# NAPPO

North American Plant Protection Organization  
Organización Norteamericana de Protección a las Plantas

## NAPPO Conference Call Report

Expert Group:	ISPM 25 Guidance ( <i>Standardization of responsibilities and actions for safeguarding consignments that have transited one NAPPO country to enter another NAPPO country</i> )	
Location:	Conference call	
Date:	May 19, 2020	
Chairperson	TBD	
Participants:		
Wendy Asbil (CFIA)	Christine Villegas (CFIA)	Everett Harper (CBSA)
Helen Gerson (CBSA)	Shelah Morita (PPQ)	Matt Farmer (PPQ)
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<b>Summary</b>		
Project:	<i>Standardization of responsibilities and actions for safeguarding consignments that have transited one NAPPO country to enter another NAPPO country</i>	
General comments:	Expert Group (EG) first call	
Item 1:	Welcome remarks	
Consensus:	The NAPPO Executive Director (ED) welcomed all members of the EG.	
Item 2:	How NAPPO EGs function; virtual call etiquette; EG roles and responsibilities.	

Consensus:	<p>The ED indicated that</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• NAPPO’s work is generally done virtually and NAPPO is moving to using Zoom instead of conference calls.</li> <li>• Calls are conducted in English and Spanish.</li> <li>• During calls, members are respectfully requested to speak in short sentences to allow for accurate interpretation.</li> <li>• EG roles and responsibilities. A link was provided for members to be aware of the EG roles and responsibilities. The document provides a description of expectations for EG members of NAPPO.</li> <li>• It was requested that new EG members provide a short biography and a photograph to be included in the July NAPPO Newsletter.</li> <li>• Virtual calls are generally scheduled once a month.</li> <li>• NAPPO encourages active participation of all EG members during a call.</li> <li>• The EG will elect a Chair and Vice-Chair. Nominations and selections will be made during the next call, as EG members will introduce themselves during today’s call.</li> <li>• A conference call report is generated at the end of each call. The report is uploaded into the NAPPO website for members to read and be aware of expectations for the next call.</li> <li>• The EG will be known as “ISPM 25 Guidance”.</li> </ul>
Item 3:	Brief introductions - EG members, AMC members and NAPPO Secretariat.
Consensus:	Participants introduced themselves, mentioned their organization and provided a brief description of their work and expertise.
Item 4:	Project objectives and documents supplied to the EG prior to the call.
Consensus:	<p>The ED indicated that</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The project proposal submitted to NAPPO highlights the need for improved implementation of ISPM 25 in the NAPPO region.</li> <li>• As such, the main objective of this project is to harmonize implementation of ISPM 25 and more clearly outline the responsibilities of all stakeholders involved in the movement and clearance of consignments in transit.</li> <li>• This phytosanitary infrastructure space includes/involves a long list of stakeholders in North America.</li> <li>• The EG will work on making responsibilities in the in-transit infrastructure network clearer and more understandable to all parties involved to ensure that when an in-transit non-compliance is detected all stakeholders know what to do.</li> <li>• The EG might consider developing a flow chart to identify where additional guidance is needed.</li> <li>• Copies of ISPM 25 as well as the IPPC Transit manual</li> </ul>

	were provided to the EG for reference.	
Item 5:	Questions and answers	
Consensus:	No questions were asked	
Item 6:	Nomination of Chair and Co-Chair/Vice-Chair	
Consensus:	Nominations and selections of Chair and Vice-Chair will be made during next call.	
Item 7:	Plans/topics for next conference call	
Consensus:	<p>Options proposed:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Each country might consider providing a short overview of what happens with consignments in transit that are in compliance and non-compliance from their country's perspective and list the issues/problems that are relevant.</li> <li>2. If countries have a procedural document available, it might/could be shared with the EG by sending it to the NAPPO Secretariat.</li> <li>3. the EG should begin considering the International guidance provided by ISPM 25 and the IPPC Transit manual to determine the aspects that need alignment, harmonization, and improvement in North America.</li> <li>4. A combination of options 1 and 2 could be a way forward for the next conference call; that is, combine the country overview with those aspects that need harmonization alignment beyond the guidance contained in the international standard and the manual.</li> </ol> <p>The Canadian industry expressed their interest in developing synergies and commonalities (harmonization) in methodologies and approaches to identify pest risk in consignments in transit.</p> <p>The ED suggested the following approach for the next conference call:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Have EG members read the international standard (ISPM 25) and the IPPC Transit manual and identify issues where NAPPO country processes are misaligned. EG members should focus on processes in their own country.</li> <li>2. Ensure that the EG is considering all stakeholders involved in the transit infrastructure space.</li> <li>3. Prepare a summary of ideas on how to move forward for discussion during next call.</li> <li>4. Emphasize harmonization of transboundary issues.</li> </ol>	
<b>Next Steps</b>		
<b>Responsible Person</b>	<b>Action</b>	<b>Date</b>
EG members	1. Have EG members read the international standard (ISPM 25) and the IPPC Transit manual and identify issues where NAPPO country processes are misaligned. EG members should	Before the next call

	<p>focus on processes in their own country.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>2. Ensure that the EG is considering all stakeholders involved in the transit infrastructure space.</li> <li>3. Prepare a summary of ideas on how to move forward for discussion during next call.</li> <li>4. Emphasize harmonization of transboundary issues.</li> </ol>	
<b>Next Meeting</b>		
Location:	Video conference via Zoom	
Date:	Tuesday, June 17 from 1:00 to 3:00 pm EST	
<b>Proposed Agenda Items</b>		
1. Welcome		
2. Nomination and selection of Chair and Vice-Chair		
3. Country presentations		
4. Questions/answers		
5. Discussion on identified harmonization needs		
6. Next steps		
7. Schedule the next call		