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NAPPO Conference Call Report

Expert Group:	Electronic Phytosanitary Certification	
Location:	Zoom meeting – Video conference	
Date:	April 26, 2021	
Chairperson/Presidente	Christian Dellis (APHIS – PPQ)	
Participants:		
Brian Zak (Canada Industry)	Avtar Virk (CFIA)	Michael Perry (APHIS – PPQ)
Jamie Richardson (CFIA)	Chuck Dentelbeck (Canada Industry)	Francisca de la Cruz (SENASICA)
Maribel Hurtado (NAPPO)	Tim Cunningham (APHIS – PPQ)	Edgar Reyes (SENASICA)
Stephanie Bloem (NAPPO)	Delfino Hernández (SENASICA)	Nedelka Marín-Martínez (NAPPO)
Alonso Suazo (NAPPO)		
Summary		
Project:	Electronic Phytosanitary Certification	
General comments:	<p>Maribel Hurtado (NAPPO Scientific Officer) joined the call as an observer and introduced herself to the group. Following Maribel's introduction, each EG member briefly introduce themselves.</p> <p>Agenda approved as presented.</p> <p>NAPPO Technical Director agreed to take notes and write the conference call report.</p>	
Item 1:	Industry updates	
Consensus:	<p>Canada industry informed that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • They are still waiting from CFIA for access to the electronic certificates system to ship green wood and wood chips to Australia. • Large number of documents related to heat treatments (more than 40,000) are placed by Canada each year. 	
Item 2:	Country updates	
Consensus:	<p>Canada:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Continues developing the ephyto system. • Tests with the ephyto system have been conducted with a limited number of products shipped to the US. These tests have not been done from government to government. • Indicated they have technical issues with mix-commodities and multiple inspection dates when used in the ephyto system. The chairperson indicated these are issues the IPPC is addressing including updates to the 	

	<p>mapping schemes.</p> <p>Mexico:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Has officially started exchanging ephytos with the US on April 1st. The exchanges have been successful. • Receives 100% of certificates from the US to Mexico electronically. • With respect to the certificates from Mexico to the US, Mexico is working on the process to include all exporters in their database. The US is receiving paper and electronic certificates from Mexico but will eventually transition to all electronic certificates. The chairperson informed that the US is working on fixing loopholes found when paper certificates are used. <p>United States:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Exchanging ephytos with 48 countries, Hong Kong being the latest addition and Korea will join in May. • Is having challenges on the receiving side strictly related to attachments (specially from certificates received from Europe). • Continues to work on internal changes to the system for the data to be structured more as it is expected. • Informed that new countries joining include The Bahamas, Panama, and Dominican Republic, all of which are using the generic system.
Item 3:	IPPC updates
Consensus:	<p>The chairperson provided the following updates:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • IPPC is working on version 2.7 of the mapping. • In partnership with the global alliance the IPPC is trying to get more African countries involved. Work is also being conducted in India and Thailand. • Walter Alessandrini is now working for the private industry and will no longer be able to work with the electronic certification project. • The IPPC is working translating the user interface for the generic system to Spanish and French.
Other subjects	Other business
Consensus:	<p>The following issues were brought for discussion:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mexico suggested to have a contingency plan in case there are problems with electronic certification transactions. The ED indicated that contingency plans are available from COSAVE and offered to share at the GICSV level for the RPPOs to use. • Mexico informed that they have organized workshop and outreach activities with the industry to promote and provide training with the ephyto initiative.
Next Steps	

Responsible Person	Action	Date
Next Meeting		
Location:	Zoom meeting – Video conference	
Date:	June 23 from 1:00 to 2:00 pm EST	
Proposed Agenda Items		
1. Welcome/Introductions		
2. Canada Update		
3. Mexico Update		
4. US Update		
5. Industry Update		
6. IPPC Update		
7. Other Business/Open Discussion		
8. Adjourn		