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Organización Norteamericana de Protección a las Plantas

NAPPO Conference Call Report

Expert Group:	Electronic Certification	
Location:	Zoom meeting – Video conference	
Date:	July 20, 2022	
Chairperson	Christian Dellis (APHIS – PPQ)	
Participants:		
Francisca de la Cruz Martínez (SENASICA)	Edgar Reyes (SENASICA)	Delfino Hernández (SENASICA)
Chuck Dentelbeck (Canada industry)	Cara Grant (CFIA)	Paul Newman (Canada Industry)
Stephanie Dubon (APHIS – PPQ)	Michael Perry (APHIS – PPQ)	Stephanie Bloem (NAPPO)
Alonso Suazo (NAPPO)	Nedelka Marín-Martínez (NAPPO)	
Summary		
Project:	Electronic Phytosanitary Certification	
General comments:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Welcome remarks by the NAPPO Secretariat. • Alonso Suazo - Rapporteur. • Agenda approved as presented. • EG granted permission to record the video conference for report purposes. The Secretariat will delete the video recording as soon as the report is approved by the Chairperson and uploaded to the NAPPO website. 	
Item 1:	Country updates	
Consensus:	<p>Canada – Updates provided by Cara Grant (CFIA)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Still working toward the implementation of the system to allow online ePhyto. • The system has been delayed because Canada wants to incorporate animal and plant systems in the ePhyto platform. • Canada expects to start using the system in mid-2023. <p>United States – Updates provided by Christian Dellis (APHIS – PPQ).</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • US is sending ePhytos to 80 trading partners. • US is receiving ePhyto from 48 countries. • Testing exchanges with Paraguay. • Zambia turned their onboarding documents to use the generic system. • Contributing with the annual contributions to the IPPC to keep the generic system and the hub working. 	

	<p>Mexico – Updates provided by Delfino Hernández (SENASICA)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The ePhyto system in Mexico is very stable. No major issues or problems to report. • ePhyto will be used for the export of avocados from Mexico and the US. • Mexico is integrating an electronic signature system with the European Union. This will be included in the xml file. 	
Item 2:	Updates from the IPPC	
Consensus:	<p>Christian Dellis informed that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There has been little activity with the electronic certification system because of mandatory contract breaks for the personnel. • Sustainable funding group has been established. • ePhyto exchange website has been updated. The chairperson proceeded to show the EG the latest updates to the ePhyto page on the IPPC website. He indicated that: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Infographics were added showing current processes of countries, the number of live and testing certificates that have been exchanged through the hub, new countries, etc. ○ A generic system in Arabic will be available in the summer. ○ Infographics for the generic system was presented. 	
Item 3 :	Updates from the industry	
Consensus:	The industry confirmed the increase in the re-exporting of wood products. The chairperson indicated that re-exporting was complicated for ePhytos because it requires including attachments connected to the ePhyto re-export message.	
Other subjects	The chairperson informed that recordings for the expert group report for the annual meeting will take place in August. He also indicated that a global status update, infographics, and operational issues with the system will be included in the presentation.	
Next Steps		
Responsible Person	Action	Date
Next Meeting		
Location:	Zoom meeting – Video conference	
Date:	The Secretariat will send a poll	
Proposed Agenda Items		
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