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

NAPPO Conference Call Report

Expert Group:	Electronic Certification	
Location:	Zoom meeting	
Date:	May 3, 2023	
Chairperson/Presidente	Christian Dellis (APHIS-PPQ)	
Participants:		
Michael Perry (APHIS – PPQ)	Cara Grant (CFIA)	Anna Birmingham (CFIA)
Delfino Hernández (SENASICA)	Edgar Reyes (SENASICA)	Chuck Dentelbeck (Canada Industry)
Stephanie Bloem (NAPPO)	Stephanie Dubon (APHIS PPQ; NAPPO AMC)	Alonso Suazo (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. 	
Item 1:	Country updates	
Consensus:	<p>Canada- <i>Anna Birmingham and Cara Grant</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Continue working on ecertification, includes several product types (animal, food, and plant) • Hope to have government to government exchange early in 2024. • Continue to implement ePhyto exchanges with the US then expanding to other countries. <p>Mexico –Delfino Hernández</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Continue to advance, working on digital signature for EU • US exchange going well. • Willing to work together with Canada as well to start and collaborate to find out ways to connect. • Not been able to connect with many other countries yet. <p>United States –Christian Dellis</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sending to 90, receiving from 71, for first time receiving more ePhytos than we are sending. • Peru most recent to start, also began sending to Kenya, they had been able to receive for a couple of years, but we couldn't send to them. • Malaysia, UK are testing. • Michael training Grenada, 6 other countries working with IPPC on generic system as well. 	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Likely global symposium in Morocco this fall. • Troubleshooting is particularly important, recently there was a problem with India sending duplicates of each phyto to every country and had to be addressed quickly to prevent broader problems. <p>Standards and Trade Development Facility (STDF) is working with IICA to have a workshop in Costa Rica in June related to an eVet system</p>
Item 2:	Industry updates
Consensus:	No updates provided
Item 3:	International updates: CPM 17 and ePhyto workshop in Buenos Aires, Argentina
Consensus:	<p>The NAPPO ED:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provided updates on the sustainable funding discussions that recently took place in the Commission of Phytosanitary Measures 17 (CPM-17) meeting in Rome in late March 2023 including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ the description of a paper presented to consider the different options for funding the ePhyto initiative. ○ Payment options ○ Total cost of the ePhyto initiative. ○ Summary of the discussions and decisions by CPM - 17: Focus group will continue to provide more options for the ePhyto sustainable funding, and the proposals will be considered at CPM 18 in 2024. • Provided updates on the ePhyto workshop that took place in Buenos Aires, Argentina from April 18-20, 2023 as follows: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ 80 participants from South and Central America. ○ Presentations were provided by the NPPOs and the industry. ○ Criticism provided by the industry with respect to the accuracy of the IPPC ePhyto map. The map is misleading because not all are exchanging with each other. ○ WhatsApp groups for troubleshooting work well in Central and South America. ○ Opportunities were provided for a discussion regarding IT issues in ePhytos. ○ Countries are very much in favor of moving forward with ePhyto. ○ Central American countries have difficulties communicating with Asian and African countries. ○ NAPPO offered to explore the possibility of translating the GeNS system (Not available in Spanish). ○ Countries have problems with ePhytos with the European Union because of the TRACES system and the extra step to validate electronic signatures.

Other subjects	<p>Available online links for the ePhyto workshop in Buenos Aires, Argentina:</p> <p>Links to videos in English (No link for Day 1 found) Day 2: https://youtu.be/KFEbjNp5M8k Day 3: https://youtu.be/W2NXG5ar6-M</p> <p>Links to videos in Spanish Day 1: https://youtu.be/DU0IeYwVJHg Day 2: https://youtu.be/UDpW19V2GXU Day 3: https://youtu.be/Pf43uixP3HU</p>	
Next Steps		
Responsible Person	Action	Date
Next Meeting		
Location:	Zoom meeting	
Date:	TBD. The Secretariat will send a poll for a call in July 2023.	
Proposed Agenda Items		
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