Implementation plan for NAPPO standards

1. Name of standard

RSPM 3 Movement of Potatoes into a NAPPO Member Country

2. Country Reporting

Mexico

3. Relevant Authority

3.1 Current Authority

<u>For importation</u> of fresh and seed potatoes. Plant Health Federal Law (FSV) and the AGREEMENT to establish the phytosanitary requirements module for importation of regulated products to the national territory by the Secretariat of Agriculture, Livestock, Rural Development, Fish and Food, regarding Plant Health" (Published in the *Diario Oficial de la Federación* on 07/02/12).

For the Mexican certification program: Mexican Official Norm NOM-025-FITO-2000, for the establishment of protected zones and zones free of potato quarantine pests (Published in the *Diario Oficial de la Federación* on 12/06/00). Mexican Official Norm NOM-040-FITO-2002, Phytosanitary requirements and specifications for the production and domestic movement of commercial potato (Published in the *Diario Oficial de la Federación* on 21/02/03). Mexican Official Norm NOM-041-FITO-2002, Phytosanitary requirements and specifications for the production of asexual potato propagative material (Published in the *Diario Oficial de la Federación* on 04/03/03). Workplans for the importation of potatoes. Phytosanitary requirements fact sheets (HRF).

3.2 Revisions to authority

No revisions are required.

4. Obtaining Authority to Adopt the Standard

No changes are required.

5. Implementation of Standard

RSPM 3 has been implemented since it was issued. The "AGREEMENT to establish the phytosanitary requirements module for the importation of regulated products to the national territory by the Secretariat of Agriculture, Livestock, Rural Development, Fish and Food, regarding Plant Health" allowed that the Phytosanitary Requirements Fact Sheets (HRF), which used to be issued on paper through the Plant Health General Directorate window and SAGARPA state offices, be replaced by phytosanitary requirements available on-line under the Module Consultation for Imports Phytosanitary Requirements (MCRFI); the process to issue Phytosanitary Requirements Sheets has therefore been eliminated.

Compliance of phytosanitary requirements does not change; it is important to comply with them in order to complete the importation of regulated products by the Plant Health Directorate into Mexico.

In this case, the establishment and modification of phytosanitary requirements indicated on the "Module for Imports Phytosanitary Requirements" should be done in accordance with article 3 of the Plant Health Federal Law, based on scientific evidence and principles, taking into account different geographic conditions and other relevant factors.

Interested parties should consult the "Module for Imports Phytosanitary Requirements" for the requirements applicable to products they wish to import, before requesting issuance of the Phytosanitary Certificate for Imports.