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

NAPPO Conference Call Report

Expert Group:	Alternatives to methyl bromide	
Location:	Zoom meeting	
Date:	September 25, 2023	
Chairperson/Presidente		
Participants:		
Naima Ait Oumejjout (CFIA)	Erin LeClair (CFIA)	Adnan Uzonovic (CFIA)
Bob Baca (APHIS PPQ)	Spencer Walse (APHIS PPQ)	Rachel King (APHIS PPQ)
Israel Cueto Espinosa (SENASICA)	Victor Manuel Gutiérrez (SENASICA)	Guillermo López Guillen (INIFAP)
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Stephanie Dubon (APHIS PPQ; NAPPO AMC)	Stephanie Bloem (NAPPO)	Alonso Suazo (NAPPO)

Summary

Project:	Alternatives to methyl bromide
General comments:	First introductory video conference with the expert group (EG).
Item 1:	Introduction and welcome remarks
Consensus:	The NAPPO TD and ED welcomed the EG members and thanked them for joining the video conference. Following a brief welcoming remarks, EG members introduced themselves with their names, affiliations, and a brief description of their expertise and work experience.
Item 2:	Overview of how NAPPO expert group work is conducted
Consensus:	<p>The TD provided an overview of how the NAPPO EG works. He:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Indicated that each EG has a chairperson responsible for leading the discussions during an EG video conference. • Indicated that the work is conducted virtually, with the possibility of a face-to-face meeting. • Indicated that discussions are conducted in English and Spanish, and short sentences should be used to allow time for interpretation. • Encouraged EG members to see the NAPPO 101 video developed for new EG members and available on the NAPPO website. The video provides an overview of NAPPO and the roles and responsibilities of EG members. • Indicated that additional expertise, as Ad-Hoc members, can be requested to assist the EG in their work. • Encouraged EG members to keep communication lines

	with the AMC members in their respective countries.	
Item 3:	Overview of project proposal objective and timelines	
Consensus:	<p>The TD:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provided an outline of the “Alternatives to methyl bromide” project proposal. • Indicated that the EG should complete the project in one year. • Indicated that this project is aimed at developing a discussion document to share information among NAPPO member countries on alternative phytosanitary treatments to methyl bromide. • Listed the tasks assigned to the EG as indicated in the project proposal. 	
Next Steps		
Responsible Person	Action	Date
Next Meeting		
Location:	Zoom meeting	
Date:	October 30, 2023, from 2:00 to 3:00 pm EST	
Proposed Agenda Items		
1. Election of the EG Chairperson		
2. Outline a plan to work on the task list outlined in the project proposal		