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Organización Norteamericana de Protección a las Plantas

NAPPO Conference Call Report

Expert Group:	Alternatives to methyl bromide	
Location:	Zoom meeting	
Date:	February 26, 2024	
Chairperson	Bob Baca (USDA APHIS PPQ)	
Participants:		
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Summary		
Project:	Development of a NAPPO discussion document to share information regarding alternative treatments for MeBr, with a possible goal of creating an agreed position aligned to international standards.	
Item 1:	Introduction of new EG member	
Consensus:	The NAPPO Secretariat and the EG welcomed Mr. J. Concepción Rodríguez (Colegio de Postgraduados - COLPOS) as a new EG member. Participants introduced themselves (names, affiliations, and brief work descriptions).	
Item 2:	Discussions: Proposed outline for the discussion document	
Consensus:	<p>Comments and information added to the proposed outline for the discussion document were discussed. Highlights from this discussion include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Summarize the information available and make sure the document is NAPPO-focused. • For the NAPPO region, the quarantine and pre-shipment (QPS) use of methyl bromide and methyl bromide alternatives should be an important objective. • Look for other alternative fumigants other than those available. • For QPS treatments, the emphasis should be on export-import uses. • The EG acknowledged that MeBr is a tool that facilitates trade and suggested caution with the words used in the discussion document. • EG indicated that reducing QPS use of MeBr does not result in a significant atmospheric reduction of MeBr. 	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> For some industries, some alternatives to MeBr are not an option, e.g., damaged metal storage structures for grains due to corrosion. EG should consider the gaps left when leaving MeBr out. 	
Item 3:	Next steps	
Consensus:	<p>The chairperson indicated that EG members should continue to populate the draft document.</p> <p>The NAPPO Secretariat will coordinate with the EG on when to stop adding information to allow time for the Secretariat to compile, translate, and share copies of the new draft document with the EG.</p>	
Next Step		
Responsible	Action	Date
Next Meeting		
Location:	Zoom meeting	
Date:	TBD	
Proposed Agenda Items		
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