

Overview of NAPPO RSPM 19 Bilateral Workplans

Purpose: Bilateral workplans are developed jointly by the national plant protection organizations (NPPOs) of the importing and exporting countries to clarify plant health requirements for the movement of plants, plant products, and plant by-products from one country to another. The purpose of this standard is to describe the elements that should be considered when developing a bilateral workplan between NAPPO member countries.

Contents: The following information should be included in a bilateral workplan between NAPPO member countries:



- ✓ workplan title, including the names of the importing and exporting countries and the relevant commodities;
- ✓ a list of regulated pests;
- ✓ definitions and acronyms of all significant terms;
- ✓ workplan participants - including public officers, commercial parties, and authorized non-government personnel and their respective responsibilities;
- ✓ relevant authorities - including legislation, directives/policies, and regional/international plant health standards;
- ✓ phytosanitary measures to be undertaken in the both the exporting country - pre- and post-harvest measures - and the importing country - pre- and post-entry measures;
- ✓ methodology for regularly scheduled audits that were conducted to verify compliance with import requirements;
- ✓ restrictions on points of entry, where relevant;
- ✓ documentation, labelling, or marking required for plant health reasons;
- ✓ examples of non-compliance - such as pest detection, misapplication of measures, missing documentation - and resulting actions - such as corrective actions, or program suspension;
- ✓ procedures for modifying the workplan; and
- ✓ the effective date of the workplan.

Please read RSPM 19 for more guidance on development of bilateral workplan between NAPPO member countries.

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