

Overview of NAPPO RSPM 5

NAPPO Glossary of Phytosanitary Terms

Purpose: NAPPO standards are developed, interpreted, and applied by stakeholders who may have different areas of expertise or speak different languages. For example, plant health standards may be developed and/or applied by scientists, employees of national plant protection organizations (NPPOs), other federal, state, or provincial government officials, industry representatives, and trading partners within or outside the NAPPO region, among others. The NAPPO glossary of phytosanitary (plant health) terms promotes a common understanding among all concerned parties by clearly defining terms as they are meant to be understood and used in a plant health context.

Contents: This standard does not duplicate or repeat the terms and definitions found in the International Plant Protection Convention (IPPC) International Standard for Phytosanitary Measures 5 (ISPM 5) - *Glossary of Phytosanitary Terms*¹. NAPPO's RSPM 5 contains definitions of acronyms, abbreviations, and terms that are used in other NAPPO RSPMs, and/or that are important to NAPPO stakeholders. The current version (March 9, 2021) of RSPM 5 contains 46 entries; but additional entries may be added in future.

Summary of RSPM 5:

RSPM 5 includes the acronyms and complete titles of plant health organizations and other relevant organizations in the NAPPO region. The remaining Glossary entries are terms that appear in other NAPPO standards. It is important that RSPM 5 definitions for terms that are in common usage contain sufficiently clear information to avoid confusion among NAPPO stakeholders.

For example, the term *potatoes* is defined in the Cambridge dictionary as: “a round vegetable that grows underground and has white flesh with light brown, red, or pink skin, or the plant on which these grow.” This definition would likely enable a shopper to identify a potato in the grocery store.

The NAPPO Glossary however, defines *potatoes* like this: “any wild or commercially produced plant, tuber, or other part of *Solanum tuberosum* including all closely related species and cultivars...” This definition, which includes the scientific name, relevant production method, plant parts of interest, and related species, contains sufficient information for NAPPO stakeholders to understand what is meant by the term “potatoes” when it is used in a NAPPO standard.

Please read RSPM 5 for a more complete understanding of the terms contained in the *Glossary of Phytosanitary Terms*.

¹ https://assets.ippc.int/static/media/files/publication/en/2023/07/ISPM_05_2023_En_Glossary_PostCPM-17_2023-07-12_Fixed.pdf