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NAPPO Conference Call Report

Expert Group:	Electronic Phytosanitary Certification (eCert)	
Location:	Conference call	
Date:	September 23, 2019	
Chairperson	Christian Dellis (APHIS PPQ)	
Participants:		
Jaime Richardson (CFIA)	Timothy Cunningham (APHIS PPQ)	Delfino Hernández (SENASICA)
Francisco Torres (SENASICA)	Chuck Dentelbeck (Canada Industry)	Dominique Pelletier (CFIA)
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Summary		
Project:	Electronic certification	
Item 1:	Country updates	
Consensus:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Canada <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ System was launched for Certificate of Free Sale and dairy certificates in June. ○ Working on the plant certificate system. ○ Started training program for system's users. ○ Planning for a system with plants in the near future. ○ Will likely be able to send but not receive upon first launch. • US <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Transitioning to new contractor for system development. ○ Actively exchanging with Argentina, Netherlands, Chile and New Zealand via their own systems and the hub. ○ Exchanging with Ghana, Samoa and Jamaica using the generic system. ○ Working with 16 countries in the Caribbean and 30 countries in the Pacific on the generic system. ○ Hosting, with the IPPC, a two-day workshop for Africa. Workshop will take place in November in the US. Forty countries have been invited. ○ Actively discussing with Brazil on how to connect their system to the hub. Brazil will probably start exchanging through the hub by the end of the year. ○ Working with CBP to transfer phytos from USDA to their system to go paperless. • Mexico <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Started with paperless system with Chile, Colombia and 	

	<p>Peru through the Pacific Alliance group.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Working with the IT staff to start automatic connections with the hub. ○ Will start automatic exchange using the single window with the US (January most likely). ○ Mexico will likely use the generic system until their national system is ready to be connected to the hub. 	
Item 2:	Industry updates.	
Consensus:	The Chairperson provided a few examples of case studies and how the ephyto system had benefited the industry economically and logistically by overcoming roadblocks in the shipment process.	
Item 3:	IPPC updates.	
Consensus:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● A workshop took place with the PPPO in Fiji where 20 countries participated and all plan to use the generic system. ● Three of those Pacific Island countries already have access to the generic system and five have sent their information to the IPPC to join the generic system. ● The UNICC made several updates to the generic system and the hub in September. ● IPPC reviewing user guides for the different roles in the generic system. ● Australia and New Zealand are planning to do exchanges through the hub with animal certificates. ● The IPPC ePhyto Solution has funding for 2 more years. ● The IPPC and the UNICC are working closely with the EU to get their systems connected to the hub. Twenty-seven countries will be able to receive certificates in November, but it is not clear when they will be able to send certificates. ● EU requires digital signatures for their ephyto. ● IPPC is looking at a system that will allow the industry to connect to the hub. ● UNICC is investigating how to accommodate countries that will use their systems and the generic system. 	
Other subjects	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Working with Jamaica on the demo to present at the NAPPO annual meeting in Montreal, Canada. ● EG report for the NAPPO annual meeting: The chairperson indicated that he will prepare the presentation but asked members of each country to provide a slide summarizing the activities for each country. 	
Next Steps		
Responsible Person	Action	Date
Each country	Provide a slide to the Chairperson summarizing the ephyto activities in their respective country.	October 1st
Next Meeting		

Location:	Conference call
Date:	NAPPO Secretariat will send a poll after the NAPPO annual meeting.
Proposed Agenda Items	
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