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NAPPO Conference Call Report

<i>Tuta absoluta</i> Discussion Document Expert Group		
Video conference – Zoom		
2:00 to 3:00 pm EST, Monday May 6, 2024		
Expert Group:	<i>Tuta absoluta</i> Discussion Document	
Location:	Zoom video conference	
Chair:	N/A	
Participants:		
Maria Guadalupe Chávez Sánchez (SENASICA)	Timothy Westbrook (APHIS PPQ)	Ignacio Baez (APHIS)
Mélanie Gauthier (CFIA)	Julie Paillat (FVGC, Canada)	Nedelka Marín-Martínez (NAPPO)
Tanya Staffen (CFIA and NAPPO AMC member)	Todd Gilligan (APHIS PPQ)	Alonso Suazo (NAPPO)
Summary		
General comments	<p>The NAPPO Technical Director (TD) welcomed the EG and thanked them for joining the video conference. The TD also provided the following updates to the EG:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• The project was ranked high priority for all three NAPPO countries.• The EG should consider the possibility of a face-to-face meeting once a draft document is produced. Face-to-face meetings are normally scheduled for two days.• The entire EG's participation in face-to-face meetings is not required, but it is important to have a quorum.• Encouraged the EG to complete the first draft of the discussion document in 2024.	
Item 1:	Updates on the draft document work – All	

Consensus:	<p>The TD informed the EG about the pending action items from the previous meetings, including completing the general information in the document and providing the domestic emergency response flowchart for discussions. Canada indicated that they have information to add to the document but are experiencing issues with the Teams platform. If the issues persist, the information will be provided by email.</p> <p>Flowcharts:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The TD presented the flowchart provided by the United States and thanked the US for providing detailed information. The TD also requested permission to modify the information provided as a decision-making flowchart. • Canada and Mexico are working on their respective emergency response flowcharts, which they will share with the EG for discussion during the next video conference. <p>The EG agreed that the information provided in the flowchart is specific to each country's emergency response, but it is important to outline and describe the steps and measures that each country has in response to finding <i>T. absoluta</i> in shipments coming from one NAPPO country to another NAPPO country or by the detection of <i>T. absoluta</i> within the country's tomato production areas (fields and greenhouses). This information will also be used to determine what is common and what is different to determine possible harmonization of specific emergency response actions, including communications.</p> <p>US experts suggested the EG should consider the implications of what will happen to the federal orders or equivalent mandates in the three NAPPO countries if <i>T. absoluta</i> is detected in the NAPPO region. Exports/imports are of special concern.</p> <p>As part of the emergency response plan, the EG indicated that NAPPO countries should consider what harmonized measures to take in the event <i>T. absoluta</i> is found in the region, with the purpose of reducing the impact on trade.</p>
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Next Steps

Responsible person	Action	Date
EG	Complete the general information in the draft discussion document 7 to 10 days before the next meeting.	
Canada and Mexico	Provide domestic response flowcharts for discussions with the EG 7 to 10 days before the next meeting.	
NAPPO Secretariat	Resend the link to access the MS Teams channel to the EG.	

Next Meeting

Location:	Zoom Meeting
Date:	TBD. The Secretariat will send a poll.

Proposed agenda
1. Welcome remarks
2. Approve/amend agenda
3. Updates on the discussion document
4. Follow-up discussions on harmonization of measures to mitigate the impact of <i>Tuta absoluta</i> in the NAPPO region.