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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:	August 14, 2024	
Chairperson	Bob Baca (USDA APHIS PPQ)	
Participants:		
Naima Ait Oumejjout (CFIA)	Vincent Hervet (Agr. Can)	Adnan Uzonovic (Canadian industry)
Virna Stillwaugh (US Industry)	Tanya Staffen (NAPPO AMC; CFIA -Canada)	Victor Manuel Gutiérrez Palomares (SENASICA)
Rachel King (USDA APHIS PPQ)	Israel Cueto Espinosa (SENASICA)	Nedelka Marín-Martínez (NAPPO)
Alonso Suazo (NAPPO)		
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:	Approve/amend agenda	
Consensus:	<p>Added to the agenda:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Introduction of Dr. Virna Stillwaugh as the new EG member (US industry). <p>The agenda was approved with the proposed amendment.</p>	
Item 2:	Status of the discussion document.	
Consensus:	<p>The chairperson suggested extending the editing process to two more weeks (to August 28, 2024) to allow the EG to complete the information in the document and emphasized including in the text why methyl bromide is important and the need for its continued use, as well as adding more information on the pros and cons on the different alternative methods.</p> <p>The updated information will be used for the EG presentations in the NAPPO annual meeting symposium.</p> <p>Additional points discussed:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Use of the current platform to edit and do real-time collaborative work on the document. The EG agreed to change the current platform to the suggested Google Docs system. The NAPPO TD informed the EG that the Secretariat would facilitate the use of this platform and requested the EG members to provide an alternative email address in case their current email does not allow 	

	<p>access to the system.</p> <p>2. Writing subgroup work. Based on the progress made by the EG in the next two weeks, a decision will be made at the next meeting on when the writing subgroup will take over the task of producing the first draft of the discussion document.</p>	
Item 3:	EG participation at the NAPPO annual meeting.	
Consensus:	<p>The NAPPO TD provided an overview of the agenda for the 47th NAPPO annual meeting and indicated that the symposium section will include two topics:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Implementation of NAPPO RSPMs and documents and 2. Reducing methyl bromide through a risk-based approach <p>The TD requested the EG participation with presentations on the proposed topics and feedback on the overall organization of the methyl bromide section.</p> <p>The EG:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Suggested to change the topic “PRA Process” to “Commodity Imports” which will include the PRA process • Suggested to include in the presentations, information on import/export regulations in each NAPPO country. The EG agreed that each country will provide a couple of slides with this information. • Agreed to participate in providing PowerPoint presentations as follows: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Adnan Uzunovic will prepare and present the first topic “Introduction to the topic including history, background information including the Montreal Protocol” ○ Bob Baca will prepare and present the EG updates. • Agreed to share with the EG the first draft of the presentation for feedback. 	
Other subjects	The chairperson will contact the Global Alliance for Plant Health president to discuss collaboration with the NAPPO EG.	
Next Steps		
Responsible	Action	Date
EG	Add information to the draft document as indicated in item 2 of this report.	August 28, 2024
NAPPO Secretariat	Prepare Google Doc folders for the EG and share links to access and edit the discussion document.	August 15, 2024
EG	Prepare slides with methyl bromide import/export regulations for each NAPPO member country.	
EG members	Prepare PowerPoint presentations for the NAPPO annual meeting symposium.	
Next Meeting		

Location:	Zoom meeting
Date:	Tentative for September 11
Proposed Agenda Items	
1. Discuss the updated draft document.	
2. Update on presentations for the NAPPO annual meeting.	
3. Next steps	
4. Other business	