



# NAPPO

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Organización Norteamericana de Protección a las Plantas

## NAPPO Conference Call Report

Expert Group:	Forestry – WPM Evaluation of risk	
Location:	Zoom meeting	
Date:	September 17, 2024	
Chairperson/Presidente	Meghan Noseworthy (NR Canada)	
Participants:		
Samuel Podlipsky (Mexico Industry)	Brad Gething (USA Industry)	Arvind Vasudevan (CFIA)
María Eugenia Guerrero Alarcón (SEMARNAT)	Nedelka Marín-Martínez (NAPPO)	Enrique Negrete (Mexico Industry)
Faith Campbell (US industry)	Leigh Greenwood (US industry)	Eric Allen (Retired-NR Canada)
Ron Mack (USDA)	Alonso Suazo (NAPPO)	Katia Aguilar (Mexico Industry)
<b>Summary</b>		
Project:	Evaluation of risk associated with different types of wood packaging material – Opportunities to improve ISPM 15 compliance.	
Item 1:	Welcome remarks (reminder to speak slowly, one at a time, in short sentences/phrases) –NAPPO TD	
	Welcoming remarks were made, and apologies were offered for those not able to attend the meeting	
Item 2:	Review / amend/approve agenda – All	
Consensus:	The group reviewed the agenda. Nothing was added to the agenda.	
Item 3:	Updates on development of background, category descriptions, and other data sources– All	
Consensus:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Google Docs is up and running. However, not everyone has access yet.</li> <li><b>Action 1:</b> Alonso will ensure that all are invited to review and share the document.</li> <li>- Eric provided the background to ISPM 15 for the S&amp;T document</li> <li>- Meghan added the outline and provided descriptions of categories</li> <li>- A subgroup of Leigh, Scott, and Brad discussed the definitions of WPM categories; some of this discussion is captured in the Google Docs draft.</li> <li><b>Action 1:</b> Leigh to share updated definitions from the US</li> <li><b>Action 2:</b> Canada (Arvind) and Mexico (María Eugenia) to provide any definitions used by their NPPOs by November</li> <li>- The group will review all three sets of definitions to develop</li> </ul>	

	<p>NAPPO definitions potentially for RSPM 5, and recommend that data collected on WPM notification of non-compliance (NNCs) going forward use the new definitions (part of the S&amp;T document)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- It was noted that if the IPPC includes these definitions in ISPM 5, the terms will be removed from RSPM 5.</li> </ul>
Item 5:	Updates on data gathering – All
Consensus:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- In the absence of robust and complete WPM data, the group discussed the estimation of risk based on interception and absence of data. Eric suggested the group work on a scientific explanation of the risk based on science, much like what Leigh has drafted in the supporting files on Google Docs. This option is better than using incomplete interception data, which appears to be what is currently available in North America.</li> <li>- Arvind discussed the difference between standardized and non-standardized WPM, manufactured vs. non-manufactured, for e.g., pallets that are one size.</li> <li>- Eric noted that WPM with bark has an increased risk compared to, for example, peeler cores. With these types of descriptions and explanations, we can build a case for risk based on the biology of the pest and note the lower risk associated with highly processed wood based on PRAs.</li> <li>- Faith noted that we should not restrict ourselves to interception data and can use information for risk assessments. In addition, we should investigate assumptions that certain types of WPM are safe, e.g., barrel staves, wine barrels, etc.</li> <li>- Leigh noted that the volume of trade for any WPM should be acknowledged in the document, as well as for recommendations to NPPOs.</li> <li>- The group agreed to review the scope of the project to ensure we can finish in a timely manner</li> <li>- Leigh noted that we might consider a title change for the document, from “Evaluating the risk associated with different types of wood packaging material – Opportunities to improve ISPM 15 compliance” to “Evaluating the risk associated with different types of wood packaging material – Opportunities to reduce the movement of wood infesting pests.” The group noted that the title should be reviewed near the end of the project, and thought that this is a good suggestion.</li> </ul> <p><b>Action 3:</b> Other sources of data. Alonso will ask other RPPOs for data, such as COSAVE, EPPO, etc.</p>
Item 6:	Other discussion
Consensus:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Meghan noted that a description of this project will be presented at the upcoming International Forestry Quarantine Research Group (IFQRG) meeting in November. The IFQRG membership will be asked for input, data sources, etc.</li> </ul> <p><b>Action 4:</b> Meghan will circulate this presentation to the NAPPO EG before the meeting.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- It was noted that Tyrone will be presenting the NAPPO Annual Meeting report for this EG in October.</li> </ul>

	<b>Action 5:</b> Meghan will ensure Tyrone is updated on the discussion and findings at the September EG meeting.
Item 6:	In-person meeting of EG present at the annual NAPPO meeting in Tucson
Consensus:	Several of the EG will be present and available to meet at the NAPPO meeting: Meghan, Brad, Tyrone, María José, Scott. The meeting will be on Tuesday, Oct 22, 11:30 am – 1:00 pm in the Canyon A room. There will be no virtual component for the meeting. <b>Action 6:</b> Meghan to confirm with the NAPPO secretariat requirements for the meeting and agenda for the group.
Item 7:	Date/Time for next video conference – All
Consensus:	NAPPO TD will send a Doodle poll for the next meeting to occur in approximately two months.

### Next Steps

Responsible Person	Action	Date
NAPPO Secretariat	Send invitation for all to have access to the Google Doc	
Leigh	Share updated definitions from the USA	Oct 17th
María Eugenia and Arvind	Canada (Arvind) and Mexico (María Eugenia) to provide any definitions used by their NPPOs	Oct 17th
NAPPO Secretariat	Other sources of data - ask other RPPOs for data such as COSAVE, EPPO, etc.	Dec 2024
Meghan	Circulate NAPPO EG WPM presentation to the EG before the IFQRG meeting	Oct 2024
Meghan	Ensure Tyrone is updated on the discussion and findings at the September EG meeting to be included in the NAPPO Annual Meeting report	Oct 2024
NAPPO Secretariat	Confirm requirements for the meeting and agenda for the group at the NAPPO Annual Meeting	Oct 2024

### Next Meeting

Location:	Zoom meeting
Date:	TBD

### Proposed Agenda Items

1. Welcome remarks
2. Updates on WPM definitions
3. Update on the small in-person meeting of the EG at the NAPPO Annual Meeting in October
4. Updates on the development of background, category descriptions, and other data sources
5. Next steps
6. Next video conference
7. Meeting adjourned