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RSPM 17 review

Revision of Regional Standard for Phytosanitary Measures (RSPM) 17: Guidelines for the Establishment, Maintenance, and Verification of Fruit Fly Free Areas in North America



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Objectives and Deliverables

- Undertake review and update of RSPM 17 based on the most recent adopted international and regional standards, current industry practices, government regulations and latest scientific and technical information.
- RSPM 17 provides the guidelines to establish, maintain and verify fruit fly free areas in North America.
- The target pests for RSPM 17 include insects of the order Diptera, family Tephritidae belonging to the genera *Anastrepha*, *Bactrocera*, *Ceratitis*, *Dacus*, *Rhagoletis* and *Toxotrypana*.
- The standard also describes the role of the National Plant Protection Organization (NPPO) in ensuring compliance with this standard.
- RSPM 17 was last updated in 2010.

Progress during 2019

- All work was done “virtually”
- First conference call in March 2019, monthly calls through October 2019
- Chair selected – Ken Bloem
- Discussion of options for RSPM 17
- Input from industry and state governments
- EG decision to archive RSPM 17
- Work completed by fall 2019

Options for NAPPO RSPM 17...

1. Maintain RSPM 17 as it currently exists but update to include relevant recent references.
2. Expand RSPM 17 by updating references and transiting to a manual-type document that better discussed some of the key tactics of PFAs such as trapping strategies, pest status, and official host lists.
3. Archive RSPM and refer interested parties to newer similar standards adopted by the IPPC.

Options for proceeding with NAPPO RSPM 17...

Additional ISPMs of note include:

- ISPM 8 – Determination of pest status in an area
- ISPM 10 – Requirements for the establishment of pest free places of production and pest free production sites
- ISPM 22 – Requirements for the establishment of areas of low pest prevalence
- ISPM 26 – Establishment of pest free areas for fruit flies
- ISPM 29 – Recognition of pest free areas and areas of low pest prevalence
- ISPM 37 – Determination of host status of fruit to fruit flies

Discussion of Options for NAPPO RSPM 17

- The EG discussed several options for RSPM 17
- The EG had discussions and suggestions of which national, regional and international standards or publications are relevant to RSPM 17
- Industry and state governments requested time to investigate which standards their states followed in their fruit fly control and eradication programs.
- Input from industry and state governments concluded that their practices follow more recent standards, particularly ISPM 26.
- There was consensus by the EG to archive RSPM 17
- Archiving process should be completed in fall 2019

Decision of the EG to Archive NAPPO RSPM 17 and refer interested parties to newer similar standards adopted by the IPPC

- The EG unanimously agreed to archive RSPM 17. Members from all three countries felt that newer, more comprehensive standards had been adopted by the IPPC that effectively built on and superseded RSPM 17.
- The most relevant of these was ISPM 26 *Establishment of pest free areas for fruit flies (Tephritidae)*.
- Official communications from the NAPPO member countries showed that quarantine actions now referenced ISPM 26 rather than RSPM 17.
- The IPPC-IC recently published a “Guide for Establishing and Maintaining Pest Free Areas”.

Conclusions, next steps

- The Expert Group was formed, the chair selected, and the EG met virtually on a monthly basis.
- Industry and state groups were engaged in the process.
- The EG discussed the standard extensively.
- The EG recommended archiving RSPM 17.
- The EG presented recommendation to the NAPPO

Management Team