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**Review and Revise Regional Standards for
Phytosanitary Measures No. 35:
*Guidelines for the Movement of Stone and
Pome Fruit Trees and Grapevines into a
NAPPO Member Country***

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Overview

- **Subject Matter Experts for RSPM 35 revision**
- **What does RSPM 35 say now?**
- **RSPM 35 revision project**
 - Why are we revising the RSPM?
 - Description, objectives, timelines, process for revision including Country Consultation
- **Comments, conclusions, questions**

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Regional Standards for Phytosanitary Measures 35

Review Process





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Current RSPM 35 (2009)

- **Describes** guidelines for the importation and movement of stone and pome fruit trees and grapevines among NAPPO member countries.
- **Outlines** a combination of phytosanitary measures for mitigating the risk of regulated pest introductions associated with the international movement of this propagative material, without undue restriction of trade.
- **Contains** Annexes with Pests Lists of organisms such as bacteria, fungi, nematodes, phytoplasmas, viroids, viruses, and virus-like agents or pest vectors that may promote the spread, entry and establishment of stone and pome fruit and grapevine pest diseases.



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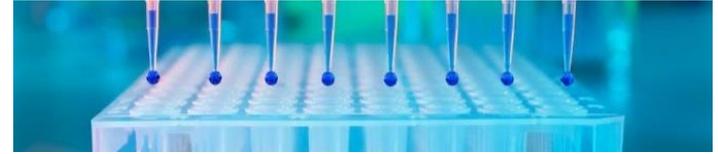
Why are we reviewing this RSPM?

- **Created** in 2009.
- **High priority** for review by NAPPO (U.S., Canada and Mexico).
- **Well defined/updated** guidelines.
- **Facilitates** the safe introduction of plant material into and between NAPPO countries.
- **Complements** Clean Plant Certification programs in place or planned.
- **Impacts** industry resources/agricultural commodity sectors that are key for the North American agricultural industry.



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Why are we reviewing this RSPM?

There are new:

- **Pests** and changes in taxonomy (e.g., viruses, phytoplasmas).
- **Diagnostics** (e.g., improved molecular tests, new diagnostic and identification methods and protocols).
- **Phytosanitary status** of pests (e.g., U.S. actively working to eradicate *Plum pox virus* from the U.S.).
- **Regulations** (e.g., *Not Authorized Pending Pest Risk Analysis*, Q37 Revisions) and standards:
 - ISPM 36-Integrated measures for plants for planting (2012)
 - an updated version of RSPM 24-Integrated Pest Risk Management Measures for the Importation of Plants for Planting into NAPPO Member Countries (2013).
 - Other referenced standards have also been revised since 2009.



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General Objectives of RSPM 35 for the NAPPO Region

- **Prevent** the spread, entry, and establishment of quarantine pests.
- **Manage** regulated non-quarantine pests.
- **Facilitate** equitable and orderly trade.
- **Promote** the use of:
 - integrated systems approaches
 - good plant protection practices



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Objectives of the Subject Matter Expert Group for the Revision of RSPM 35

- **Review and update** the RSPM 35 guidelines and associated pest lists based on:
 - the most recent adopted international and regional standards
 - current industry practices
 - current regulations
 - latest scientific and technical information



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Current Progress

- **Selected** a Chair and a Co-chair.
- **Set** work priorities.
- **Divided** the work by Subject Matter Expert subgroups (science and pest lists).
- **Conducted** updated meetings by subgroups.
- **Established** the need to add missing information (new tables missing in previous document, priorities, or other specifics).
- **Incorporated** comments received from industry, academia and government.



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Highlights

- **Update** the pest lists for each commodity, with sub-working groups created to work on each pest group.
- **Standardize** columns in tables.
- **Add** new information missing in the original document.
- **Review** and comment on current guidelines by each member country.



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Deliverables

- **Updated version** of RSPM 35 provides:
 - Current guidelines for the importation and movement of stone and pome fruit trees as well as grapevines by NAPPO member.
 - An updated list of fruit tree and grapevine pests and their status within NAPPO countries.
- **Timeline:** 1-2 years
- **Country Consultation:**
 - 90 days public comment period.
 - Stakeholders communicate with U.S. project SMEs.
 - Parallel harmonization/update efforts to be monitored.



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Conclusions and Next Steps

- **Revise and share**
 - Pest Lists
 - The 2009 RSPM 35 policy document

with other scientists from academia, industry and government in Canada, Mexico and the USA.



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Impact of RSPM Standards

- Influences bilateral work plans.
- Determines appropriate measures for handling certain commodities or materials.
- Sets conditions for production systems.
- Assists in the accreditation of private entities.
- Provides a foundational framework to guide bilateral negotiations.
- Establishes reasonable parameters that are technically justifiable, based on scientific evidence.

Questions?



