Main Topic	Export Certification Workgroup – Meeting	
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Agenda:

No.	Topic	Responsible
1.	PCIT/PExD	
	 PCIT/PExD General Information U.S. Territory Points of Contact: ES will distribute a POC list for US Territories to ECW; the list will not be posted to PExD or maintained by ES. 	M. Smither (Requested by C. Harper)
	ES has compiled a partial list, but is waiting for confirmation from IS on some of the addresses. We will send out what we have with the minutes. Please let us know if you have anything additional or different.	
	 PCIT List of Common Names for Commodities The common name "Yellow poplar" was added to PCIT. One can't search in PExD by common name; the interface is in place now so it should be available for creating applications. Future requests to add common names to PCIT can be sent to ppqexportservices@aphis.usda.gov (CC:Michael.J.Perry@aphis.usda.gov) 	M. Perry (Requested by C. Harper)
	"Liriodendron tulipifera (Yellow poplar) has been added to the commodity list and is now available for future applications. You can send future requests for commodity additions/edits to "ppqexportservices@aphis.usda.gov" and cc: Mike Perry at "Michael.J.Perry@aphis.usda.gov".	
	 PCIT Release 6.3 Enables PCIT to pull AD data directly from PExD. Reminder- If people are using the "other" option, this interface won't work as they won't find the correct info in PExD. 	M. Perry
	ES has not received many comments from the field on this function.	
	 Allow an applicant to duplicate an application 20 times. 	

Applicant has the ability to edit individual PCs (container #, etc)

No additional comments.

o Implement the electronic exchange of certificate data.

Implementation of this program is with the Netherlands. PCIT will automatically send an xml message (PC data) to the Netherlands. They will not get an image of the PC. The ACO will get a message on the screen that a message was sent to the Netherlands.

This tool was released on the June 22, 2013, so any country can exchange with us. We are piloting the 577 only right now. The 578 is not available.

• Webinar Planning

ES will host webinars to demonstrate the new functionality of PCIT. Date suggestions?

Mike left the timing of the webinars up to Craig and Laney. May need to work around Plant board regions and availability. People are on the same time zone so it works out best. If ACO misses one, they can always attend another seminar.

ES will work with Laney & Craig to get some dates and will distribute for approval.

• Initial Training - Update

Provide any update related to Aglearn progress/PDC visit

Six parts of the training have completed and loaded. ES is still working on the seventh part (PCIT). Hope to have training up and running Oct 1 2013 (FY2014.)

If at all possible, please encourage people to wait until training is online. Training being conducted now may have outdated references to EXCERPT and other information.

Reaccreditation Training

ES was informed that users have had issues with the Lesson 2 Test Section not functioning properly. Aglearn representatives reviewed the functionality and requested action to resolve the error.

M. Perry

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Help desk has responded, but user still can't get it to work. At least 3 people had the same issue in KY. Marcus will follow up with HP.

It was also mentioned that the 3 year clock should start on day of expiration, not the day that the reaccred. test was taken.

IT security training

Reminder- All users touching AgLearn (ie. all ACOs taking reaccreditation and initial training) must take the security training.

ES could not waiver. Reiterated that ACOs do need to take the security training.

PCIT Signature Image Use

Reminder to ACOs- Submit signature images for use with PCIT if desired; the use of signature images is voluntary.

 The following link provides the document needed to submit a physical signature to be converted to a signature image in PCIT: http://www.aphis.usda.gov/import export/plants/ma nuals/domestic/downloads/PCIT signature image for <a href="mailto:mail

Reiterated that this is voluntary. Refer to website for instructions and contact ES if there are any questions. This tool supports the role of the Original PC Authority organizations. More organizations are taking advantage of this and requesting paper from ES. Please encourage ACOs to sign up.

Unfortunately some foreign ports/officers balk at electronic signatures even though the NPPO accepts them.

 PDF version of the PPQ 572 (Application for Inspection and Certification for Export)

For electronically submitted applications, the signature area in block 11 says "Electronically signed/submitted" Can the name be added so that the

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M. Perry

(submitted by C. Harper for Kathleen) ACO can have that contact for arranging/performing the inspection?

We can't put a name in that block. Industry could potentially share eAuth account and name wouldn't be correct. You could ask the applicant to put contact name in the comment block of the 572. This would need to be done at the local level between certifying office and industry.

2. Policy - Treatments/ Certification

• KD/HT Lumber – Update on draft policy

Group discussion of draft document.

ES had received a lot of suggestions and comments. Currently ES is doing a redraft and will redistribute. There will only be a week or so to review it once it is redistributed.

It will be guidance rather than policy so it will not be in the XPM. It will be available to APHIS employees on the intranet. ECS and RPM will have copy. Once we finalize it, we will let people know where it is housed. New ACOs will have to learn about this document through training. There was concern that the guidance will be lost in the future if it is not readily available to all ACOs. As new employees come on, they may not be informed that the guidance is available.

Could there be a link in the XPM to contact the ECS for a copy of this document? Mike Perry said we're looking at all the options. Initially a hard copy will be distributed to ECS and the regions.

Pest Free Area and Pest Free Place of Production- Policy Guidance Document

ES will discuss the draft document with ECW then finalize the document for distribution to ECW.

Nothing has been distributed. There have been concerns from the field and ES is internally reviewing the information and will meet with higher levels about what directions we want to take with the document.

T. Wells

M. McElvaine

3.	•	PPQ Export Certification (Procedure for Grain to Panama)	M. Smither
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		AUPSA does not provide import permits for items	
		intended for consumption. If a commodity summary is not	
		available through PExD, official communication of	
		Panama's import requirements (with English translation)	
		must be submitted to ACO/APHIS to proceed with export	
		certification. AUPSA's official website may be useful in	
		locating applicable requirements and is posted through	
		PExD (http://200.46.196.147/aupsa/codarancelreq.asp)	
		(http://200.40.150.147/aupsa/codarancencq.asp)	
		Official communication of requirements may be sent to ES	
		in order to construct PExD commodity summaries.	
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		Maggie reiterated that Panama will NOT provide an IP for	
		food. General requirements say that grain needs an IP	
		only because we don't have specific requirements. She	
		has added a lot of guidance in the general requirements	
		section about what you need to do if you don't find the	
		information in PExD. Panamanian government is unhappy	
		US food Exporters continue to request IPs.	
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		If an ACO identifies entry requirements for a commodity	
		not in PExD, send it to Maggie and she can create a	
		summary in PExD (Margaret.r.smither@aphis.usda.gov)	
4.	Open	Discussion	All
	•	It was stated that it would be helpful if there was a notes	
		section for policy issues like there used to be in EXCERPT.	
		(Possibly the old Phytosanitary Notes?) Mike Perry	
		advised that ES is looking into archiving.	
		It was noted that thous is a DCIT/DCvD intenface issue with	
	•	It was noted that there is a PCIT/PExD interface issue with	
		Quercus alba going to the EU. Carl will take screen shots	
		and forward them to Mike for review and follow up.	
	•	ECW meeting agenda items: If you have an agenda item	
		for the next meeting, send it to Maggie at any time. You	
		do not have to wait for Maggie to request items	
		(Margaret.r.smither@aphis.usda.gov)	
	•	Emilee Douglas has left the Idaho Dept of Agriculture. Her	
		name will be removed from future ECW correspondence.	 A II
			All

Next Meeting September 11, 2013 – Wednesday.