

<b>Main Topic</b>	Export Certification Workgroup – Meeting
<b>Date:</b>	October 8, 2014
<b>Time</b>	2:30pm EST
<b>Facilitator:</b>	Maggie Smither
<b>Scribe</b>	Julie Clapp
<b>Location:</b>	Conference Call Number: 888.844.9904; Code: 3774032

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	<p>Completed forms may be sent to Michael Perry</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Aglearn Training</li> </ul> <p>Include updates for ACO training</p> <p>Most of the issues that caused some state and county ACOs to be locked out of Aglearn earlier this year should be resolved.</p> <p>With the start of the new federal fiscal year Aglearn users will have to take or retake the IT training in Aglearn to maintain status in the system.</p> <p>A few PCIT fiscal year notes (October 1, 2013 to September 30, 2014):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 666,528 phytos were issued in PCIT, this was a 10% increase over last year</li> <li>• 31 states and 21 counties have signed up to have their fees collected through the PCIT system</li> <li>• 60,000 state phytos were issued</li> </ul>	<p>Marcus McElvaine</p>
<p>4.</p>	<p><b>Export Certification Manual XPM, Policy</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Field Inspections</li> <li>• Time Limits</li> <li>• Minor edits and Language Changes</li> </ul> <p><i>See Reference: Policy Draft</i></p> <p>Working on finalizing policy changes. Feedback should be sent to Christian or Maggie by October 24.</p>	<p>Christian Dellis</p>
<p>5.</p>	<p><b>Export Certification for Frozen Commodities</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Commodity summaries are available in PExD for China for specific fruit. According to the importing country requirements, frozen commodities may be eligible for a PC if all conditions of the importing country are met, or not restrictive. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ <i>Fragaria sp., Vaccinium sp., and Prunusavium</i></li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p>Frozen commodities are now eligible for PCs. ES is working to update training and PExD accordingly. This change is due to the fact that Canada has been issuing PCs for frozen commodities, refusing to issue PCs for frozen commodities in the US would put US exporters at a competitive disadvantage.</p>	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>If you issue a phyto for a frozen commodity please let Christian know so PExD summaries can be updated, if necessary</li> </ul>	
6.	<p><b>Lumber Certification</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><u>Peru: New Regulations for Pressure-treated/impregnated wood &amp; lumber</u></li> </ul> <p>Now a PC is required for the material. Historically the material was unrestricted (no PC was required for import into Peru). PIM Trade Director has submitted comments to SENASA. The new publication is named Resolution No. 0012-2014-MINAGRI-SANASA-DSV and may be found at: <a href="http://www.sanasa.gob.pe/0/sanidad_vegetal.aspx">http://www.sanasa.gob.pe/0/sanidad_vegetal.aspx</a></p> <p><i>Please share with industry and interested parties</i></p>	
7.	<p><b>Import Permit Conditions by NPPOs</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>In the event an import permit (IP) lists pests that are not associated with the host commodity (through scientific documentation), the exporter may submit a request in writing to the PIM Trade Director for review and consideration of the requirement specified on the IP. Considering the appropriate chain of communication, Trade Specialists or SPHDs should be made aware of such request to PIM</li> </ul> <p>If you are presented with an IP that asks for a lab analysis for a pest that does not occur on the commodity you are certifying a response from the lab that the pest does not occur on that host can be considered a lab analysis.</p> <p>Export services, if notified about these types of issues can try to get the requirements changed, but this can take a very long time. There is no need to stop certification until the IP has been changed.</p>	
8.	<p><b>Feedback to Export Services</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Comments to the policy revisions are due (COB Oct. 24<sup>th</sup>). Submit comments on behalf of your respective area by email to Maggie Smither, CC Christian Dellis (<a href="mailto:Margaret.R.Smith@aphis.usda.gov">Margaret.R.Smith@aphis.usda.gov</a>; <a href="mailto:Christian.B.Dellis@aphis.usda.gov">Christian.B.Dellis@aphis.usda.gov</a> )</li> </ul>	
9.	<p><b>Open Discussion</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Plant Board meetings</li> </ul>	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Identify progress or problems with consistency</li> <li>• Agenda topics or ideas for next meeting</li> </ul> <p>Canadian Directive D-12-05 – Regulates 7 weed seeds in grain shipments to Canada by requiring a phyto OR an import permit and compliance agreement (between CFIA and Canadian importer), which method depends largely on the end use of the product. Grains entering Canada for processing would be eligible for IP &amp; Compliance agreement, but this probably wouldn't be an option for shipments going to direct to human or animal consumption, and require no further processing (those products would need a phyto. Products that were milled (in the US) would not require a phyto or IP &amp; Compliance agreement. US still has time to comment on D-12-05 – Canada has tentatively removed corn from list of products covered under D-12-05. As written bagged grain for human consumption (including dry peas and beans) will not be exempt.</p> <p>Replacing/Reissuing phytos when the replacement/reissue is requested by someone other than the original applicant</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• When you replace/reissue a phyto you have to re-enter the applicant information, change the applicant to the person/organization requesting the replacement/reissue</li> <li>• It is wise in these cases to require the return of the original certificate and be cautious it may be a legitimate request or it could be someone trying to do something sneaky. If the original can not be returned for some reason make sure the new applicant is either associated with the original applicant or they are associated with the listed exporter.</li> </ul> <p>It is ok to enter in-transit cold treatments on a phyto.</p>	
<p><b>10.</b></p>	<p><b>Next ECW Meeting</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Scheduled for Wednesday January 21<sup>st</sup></li> </ul>	