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**2005 Annual Meeting  
Biloxi, Mississippi**

**RESOLUTION NO. 8**

**NATIONAL SEED HEALTH SYSTEM ACCREDITATION**

The USDA-APHIS-PPQ has promulgated rules providing for the accreditation of private laboratories and inspection entities to perform seed borne disease diagnostics and seed field inspections. These rules require costly documentation, training, and accreditation costs. However, these rules do not provide for or require the accreditation of state governmental laboratories. The USDA-APHIS-PPQ is now seeking to require accreditation of state governmental laboratories and state seed field inspection activities. The National Plant Board is presently on record as opposing the mandatory National Seed Health System accreditation of state governmental laboratories and state seed field inspection activities.

**Be it resolved,** The National Plant Board, at its annual meeting held in Biloxi, Mississippi on August 10<sup>th</sup>, 2005, hereby opposes any USDA-APHIS-PPQ requirements for mandatory accreditation of state governmental laboratories and state seed field inspection activities.

**Motion: Shashank Nilakhe, TX**

**Seconded by: Aurelio Posadas. CA**

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