

<b>Main Topic</b>	Export Certification Workgroup - Meeting
<b>Date:</b>	September 28, 2010
<b>Time</b>	2:00pm est
<b>Facilitator:</b>	Christian Dellis
<b>Scribe</b>	Michon Oubichon
<b>Location:</b>	Conference Call: 866-812-3168 Pass Code: 6090115

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**Agenda:**

No.	Topic	Responsible
1.	Introductions and Expectations	All
2.	Name of the new group	All
3.	Change in Re-export Policy	Marcus McElvaine
4.	User Fee Change	Christian Dellis
5.	Upcoming PCIT changes	Christian Dellis
6.	Risk Based Inspections	All
7.	Distinguishing Marks	Mike Cooper

**Discussion:****Topic 1 – Introductions and Expectations**

Meetings will be held every other month.

Proposed Meeting Dates:

DATE	Time
November 16, 2010	2:00 est
January 11, 2010	2:00 est
March 15, 2010	2:00 est

**Topic 2 – Name of the new group**

The group decided on the name “Export Certification Workgroup”

### Topic 3 – Change in Re-export Policy

Presentation by Marcus McElvaine

#### Changes:

- If a consignment is presented for re-exportation and a phytosanitary certificate is not presented, a PPQ 577 should be issued with the country of origin listed in the origin box.
- PPQ 579 will only be issued with an incoming phytosanitary certificate or a certified true copy.
- The two standard re-export AD's will be discontinued
  - "The commodity met the entry requirements of the United States"
  - "The United States does not require a phytosanitary certificate as a condition of entry for this commodity"
- If the third countries requirements are not presented by the exporter no certificate will be issued.

#### Action Item/Next Steps:

- Export Services is working on outlining the steps in the Export Program Manual regarding the re-export policy change.
- Marcus will check with QPAS to ensure instructions in the manuals (MAC and Canadian Border manual) that will tell CBP/AI to return original phytosanitary certificates to importers upon request.
- Export Services will work with the Professional Development Center regarding the changes in the export certification training program and in XPM.

### Topic 4 – User Fee Change

THE USER FEE CHANGE GOES INTO EFFECT OCTOBER 1, 2010

## Topic 5 – Upcoming PCIT changes

PCIT 4.6 WAS RELEASED ON SEPTEMBER 24, 2010.

Additional PCIT Information:

- A feature that allows a designated applicant to print the original certificate with an ACO signature is being tested out in Memphis. The trial in Memphis will allow the developers and Export Services to work out system bugs and set-up accountability in regards to security paper distribution.
- Composita - Reaccreditation Training will eventually be done through PCIT.

## Topic 6 – Risk Based Inspections

Action Item:

Export Certification Workgroup members will submit a list of low risk commodities for review. There was some discussion for a facility based approach using accreditation and/or compliance agreement. This will be a topic during the next meeting in November.

## Topic 7 – Distinguishing Marks

Discussion on the verification of information on a PC application/consignment. The main issue is the export program manual and guidance to ACO's, regarding their role in verifying shipment information. Also there are instances when official samples are not taken by an ACO, submitted to a lab and then the results are submitted for certification. None of the information is verified by the ACO in this process.

Action item:

Export Services will look into adding information in the XPM that clearly states the responsibilities of consignment verification in regards to distinguishing marks.

## ACRONYMS

<u>ES</u>	<u>Export Services</u>
<u>PCIT</u>	<u>Phytosanitary Certificate Issuance &amp; Tracking System</u>
<u>PPQ 577</u>	<u>Phytosanitary Certificate</u>
<u>PPQ 579</u>	<u>Phytosanitary Certificate for Reexport</u>
<u>PIM</u>	<u>Phytosanitary Issues Management</u>
<u>XPM</u>	<u>Export Program Manual</u>

## NEXT MEETING - NOVEMBER 16, 2010

### **Proposed Agenda:**

<b>No.</b>	<b>Topic</b>	<b>Responsible</b>
1.	PExD Demonstration	Christian Dellis
2.	Risk Based Inspections	All
3.	Open Discussion	All

## RE-EXPORT

September 2010

## Compliance with International Standards

- Background
  - Many countries have stopped accepting re-export phytos issued by the US
  - Chile, France, Netherlands, Germany
  - US procedures aren't in line with ISPM12

## Proposed Change in Policy

- To align with ISPM 12-
- Discontinue use of standard ADs on PPQ 579:
  - "The commodity met the entry requirements of the United States."
  - "The United States does not require phytosanitary certification as a condition of entry for this commodity."
- No longer issue PPQ 579 when a phyto wasn't present for import into the US.
- Discontinue issuing certificates when the foreign country requirements are not known/met.

## Proposed Change in Policy

- When an incoming phyto was present.
- Exporters have to provide requirements.
- If all requirements are/can be MET then a PPQ 579 would be issued.
  - Any additional ADs included on the PPQ 579 would be based on activities completed in the US.

## Proposed Change in Policy

- ☐ When an incoming phyto was not present.
- ☐ Exporters have to provide requirements.
- ☐ If all requirements are/can be MET then a PPQ 577 would be issued.
  - Origin would be indicated as original country.
  - Any additional ADs included on the PPQ 577 would be based on activities completed in the US.

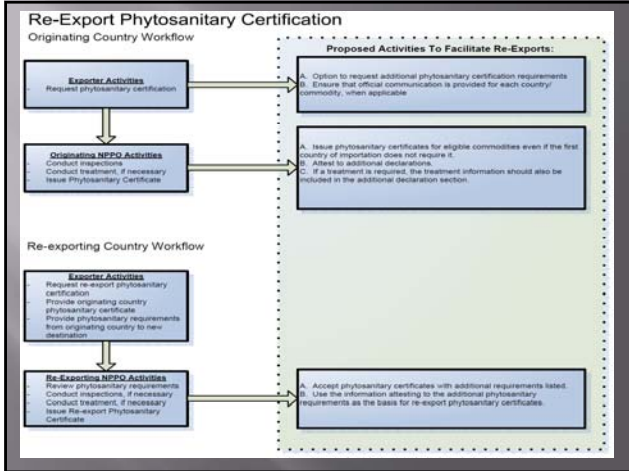
## Facilitating Future Re-exports

## Issue

- ☐ NPPOs are only obligated to meet the first country of import's requirements.
- ☐ Many activities completed in country of origin but not a requirement for the first country of import.
- ☐ Original importers are increasingly having problems re-exporting.
- ☐ Seeds stored for long periods of time.

## Solutions

- ☐ Short term
  - Bilateral agreement
- ☐ Long term
  - NAPPO standard
  - Revisions to ISPM 7 and 12
  - IPPC Seed Standard



## Sample Certificate



- Lab analysis
- Field Inspections (parental plant)
- Area freedom

## Sample Certificate (cont.)



### USDA Phytosanitary Certificate Issuance & Tracking System (PCIT)

Application for Phytosanitary Certificate

Tracking #: 15419

Applicant Name: First Exporter (Org ID 10801)  
 Application Funds in PCIT: \$0.00  
 Destination Country: Russian Federation  
 Application Submission Date: 09/05/2010

**Additional Declarations**

Please add any applicable Additional Declarations for the certificate. Select EXCERT to review the foreign government requirements. Copy and paste information from EXCERT into the box below. You may also select a standard statement from the list below.

Import Permit Number: \_\_\_\_\_ is presented.

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Additional Official Phytosanitary Information:

Lab Analysis [Harmful Organism Selection]  
 Field Inspection [Harmful Organism Selection]

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