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APHIS Invites U.S. Stakeholders to Comment on NAPPO Documents

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PPQ is pleased to announce that the North American Plant Protection Organization (NAPPO) opened consultation on a draft specification beginning February 16, 2024.

NAPPO has made available for consultation (review and commenting) a new draft specification for a regional standard on the use of systems approaches for phytosanitary certification of seeds. APHIS is inviting all interested U.S. stakeholders to participate in this consultation. You can find the list of available drafts, deadlines for commenting, and instructions for submitting comments on the <u>APHIS website</u>.

If you have any questions about NAPPO consultation, please email Stephanie Dubon, PPQ's NAPPO Technical Director, at stephanie.m.dubon@usda.gov.

We look forward to receiving comments from your industry or organization.

Stay Involved!

U.S. stakeholders are vital to the work of the International Plant Protection Convention (IPPC) and North American Plant Protection Organization (NAPPO). Your input on proposed projects, review of draft standards and documents, and participation in IPPC and NAPPO events ensures we are developing relevant standards that advance U.S. harmonization goals. Standards facilitate the safe trade of plants, plant products and other regulated articles while protecting the environment, harmonize plant protection policies and practices among and between

trading partners in North America and internationally, and provide a critical framework for addressing phytosanitary trade issues and negotiating market access requests.

Spread the Word! If you represent a large organization or association, please distribute this message to your membership.

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