

# SAG – USDA/APHIS BILATERAL MEETING

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## ISSUES

### I.- GENERAL ISSUES:

1. Low mobility pests on consumption products.
2. Notification system for fruit flies.

### II.- SPECIFIC ISSUES:

1. Exportation of cherries from the State of California.
2. Clementines, Mandarin, Tangerines - PRA proposal for risk management measures.
3. Exportation of cherries from the States of the Northwest.
4. Systems Approach for table grapes.
5. Stone fruit exportation, from the State of California.
6. Systems Approach for tomatoes from Chile.
7. Citrus fruit exportation from the State of Florida.
8. Analysis of the system for evaluation of the rejections in Chile.
9. Thrips, identification of nymph stages.
10. Exportation of blueberries from the State of Oregon.
11. Exportation of citrus propagating material from the State of California.

### III.- VARIOUS

1. Application of Regulated Areas concepts in Fruit Flies events.



## MEETING OPENING:

- Welcome words, from SAG's National Director, Mr. Lorenzo Caballero Urzúa.
- Presentation of the proposed agenda, by the Chief of Plant Protection Department, Mr. Orlando Morales Valencia.
- USDA/APHIS Assistant Deputy Administrator, Mr. Alan S. Green approved the agenda.

## DEVELOPMENT OF THE MEETING

### I.- GENERAL ISSUES:

#### 1. Low mobility pests on consumption products.

USDA/APHIS agrees with the conceptual aspects of SAG's Standard Project regarding low mobility pests on consumption products. Both Parties acknowledged the following points:

- It is suggested that SAG identify concrete cases as examples of the application of the concept.
- To include a discussion on the host range.
- Discussion of the complexity of the pests reproduction processes.
- Further develop issues such as pest population density.
- USDA/APHIS delegation agrees to support the efforts of SAG in the composing of an international standard on this issue.

USDA/APHIS encourages support of COSAVE and IPPC of this concept.

#### 2. Notification system for fruit flies

Regarding SAG's notification proposal, presented in Washington D.C., in April, 2002, USDA/APHIS presented some observations contained in an alternative protocol. These observations were discussed and the concepts were agreed upon bilaterally. The most important changes were the deletion of the necessity of notification in the case of a single detection, and the widening of the area for defining a single capture to a three mile radius. Notification should include only outbreaks and no untreated fruit will be exported from the regulated area.



For the purpose of these minutes, the notification document and corresponding amendments is deemed as an annex bilaterally. Nevertheless, APHIS proposed sending the signed notification protocol within 30 days, to ensure that there are no new amendments.

## II.- SPECIFIC ISSUES:

### 1. EXPORTATION OF CHERRIES FROM THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

The delegation of SAG informed APHIS of the phytosanitary requirements for the importation of fresh cherries from the State of California:

- The shipments will come from areas free of *Rhagoletis indifferens* and *R. fausta*. This will be verified by two SAG professionals who will visit the proposed areas during June, 2002, in order to define the free areas within the state of California.
- With respect to *Anarsia lineatella* and *C. packardi* the phytosanitary certification will include an additional declaration, stating that the shipment is free from these two pests. This is based on the poor host condition of the cherry in relation to *A. lineatella* and the information about *C. packardi* as low prevalent pest on this commodity from California.
- Regarding the fungus, *Monilinia fructicola*, APHIS will state on the Phytosanitary Certificate as an Additional Declaration that the commodity received a post harvest treatment for *M. fructicola*.
- If after the field evaluation the system is approved, SAG will issue a Resolution containing these phytosanitary requirements, which will be submitted to public hearing process for 60 days. Upon reception, all the comments will be evaluated.
- SAG accepted APHIS proposal to visit three counties, where the cherry fruit fly detection system in urban and rural areas, as well as the quarantine system will be reviewed. The visit report will be sent to APHIS within 15 days after the visit. It is expected that all the regulatory process will be completed by October, 2002.



## 2. CLEMENTINES, RISK ANALYSIS AND PROPOSAL OF RISK MANAGEMENT MEASURES.

SAG introduced the components of the PRA for mandarines, clementina and tangerines. USDA/APHIS explained the necessary stages of the importation regulatory process in the US. APHIS commits to deliver a copy, to help in the understanding of the whole process and related criteria.

Regarding the PRA conducted for these species and the risk mitigation measures , USDA/APHIS informed SAG that even though some risk ratings increased, this would likely not affect the proposed measures for *Brevipalpus chilensis*, because these species are considered poor hosts of this pest.

Preliminary, APHIS stated that all the proposed measures, including those of post-harvest, such as washing-brushing, waxing, are likely to be very effective as pest mitigation measure.

USDA/APHIS commits to initiate the regulatory process by issuing the notice of availability of the PRA in the Federal Register within 60 days.

Both, SAG and APHIS agree in keeping in touch through Shirley Wager-Page and Velia Arriagada Rios. SAG will be ready collaborate with USDA APHIS in all the required steps.

## 3. EXPORTATION OF CHERRIES FROM THE NORTHWEST OF USA

It is stated that the relevant pests for the northwest are similar to California's. A systems approach for *Rhagoletis indifferens* and *R. fausta* will be required.

Regarding Anarsia *lineatella*, *Cydia packardi* and *Anthonomus quadrigibbus*, an additional declaration stating that the shipment is free of said pests will be required. For the *A. quadrigibbus*, SAG requested to clarify the concept of "pest not present in commercial orchards", which was mentioned in the information submitted by USDA/APHIS.



Regarding the fungus *Monilinia fructicola*, APHIS will state on the Phytosanitary Certificate as Additional Declaration that the product received a post harvest treatment for *M. fructicola*.

Field evaluation of the Systems Approach, for the management of *Rhagoletis indifferens* and *R. fausta*, will be required, and it will be carried out from June 15 to June 22, 2002. A report with the conclusion will be submitted 15 days after the visit.

#### 4. SYSTEMS APPROACH FOR UVA DE MESA

USDA/APHIS states that the Systems Approach presented by SAG is a good initial document. The North-American delegation acknowledges that it is a fundamental proposal to fulfill the administrative steps necessary to establish an alternative to the current mandatory fumigation treatment.

To this purpose, USDA/APHIS offered to assist SAG in enhancing the mitigation components of the systems approach and to evaluate its effectiveness.

The proposed steps would include:

- Informal meeting among representatives of both delegations, to be held on June 7, 2002 for suggestions to revise the proposal. The USDA-APHIS delegation will deliver the comments during this meeting, focusing in points 5,3 y 5,4 of the proposed protocol.
- Chile will send the final version of the proposal to mitigate the risk of *Brevipalpus chilensis*, during the last week of June, 2002.
- End of July, Videoconference could be used to discuss details in the proposal, SAG will prepare a draft protocol.
- SAG - USDA/APHIS meeting in Riverdale, to revise in depth the proposed document, and protocol with special attention to the concept of low prevalence . The first week of September is proposed as a tentative date.



- The protocol will include the trials to evaluate effectiveness of the mitigation measures to support the risk document to change the regulation.
- During the rest of 2002 – 2003 season, efforts will be made to collect the data to validate the proposed systems approach.

## 5. EXPORTATION OF STONE FRUIT FROM THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA.

SAG reviewed the request from USDA/APHIS to export stone fruit from California, informing the following quarantine concerns:

1.- Regarding the walnut husk fly, *Rhagoletis completa*, SAG stated that based on the research done by Dr. Yokoyama, three elements should be taken into account:

- Plums and apricots are not hosts of Walnut husk fly and are not part of the requirements.
- The existence of a pest free period coinciding with the early harvest will eliminate peaches and nectarines from quarantine requirements when harvested before the first of July.
- Even though peaches and nectarines are poor hosts, the pest has a good degree of survival on them and thus a systems approach or another risk mitigation system should be used when harvest is done after July 1.

2.- A proposal, based on a systems approach for *A. lineatella*, will be sent by USDA/APHIS.

3.- For the moths, *Cydia packardii* and *C. prunivora*, SAG requested USDA/APHIS to send background information supporting the non presence of the pest in commercial areas. SAG is very interested in exploring the concept "not present in commercial areas".

SAG will respond officially on the above pests by July 15, 2002, based on these preliminary comments.

Once USDA/APHIS receives the SAG response, APHIS will propose a protocol for exportation, addressing SAG quarantine concerns.



## 6. SYSTEMS APPROACH FOR TOMATOES.

USDA/APHIS stated that they agreed in principle with the proposed systems approach for tomatoes. That APHIS will respond to the proposal within one month (by July 6).

Especially in this case, SAG and APHIS will explore the concept of "not present in commercial areas". SAG stated that *R. tomatis* is not present from the Region 4 to the south, and even in the Regions where it has occurrence, it has never been detected in commercial orchards.

## 7. EXPORTATION OF CITRUIS FRUIT FROM THE STATE OF FLORIDA.

SAG proposed to initiate the exportation of citrus fruit from the state of Florida with grapefruits, USDA/ASPHIS accepted. The following are the pest to be addressed:

- ***Anastrepha suspensa***, USDA/APHIS accepted to initiate the application of the proposed Systems approach in grapefruit, based in the condition of poor host of this species. Lemons and limes are not considered in this systems approach because they are not host. If the system is successfully applied it could be extended to oranges.
- ***Amyelois transitiella*** and ***Scirtothrips citri***, they are possible to detect during the regular inspection, so that a free consignment additional declaration will be required.
- ***Marmara gulosa*** It is agreed to manage this pest in a similar way to the already approved for California and Arizona.
- ***Brevipalpus phoenicis*** and ***Brevipalpus lewisii***. It was agreed that normal industry packing and processing procedures would be sufficient to address the concerns for these mites. APHIS agreed to give similar consideration for ***B. chilensis*** for Chilean citrus.
- ***Xanthomonas axonopodis* pv. *citri***, : The fruit must be source from free areas (non regulated areas) within the state of Florida.

The protocol for exportation of citrus fruit to Chile, sent by USDA/APHIS, will be the basis for this purpose and will be translated to Spanish and should be signed in both languages.



## 8. ANALYSIS OF THE REJECTIONS EVALUATION SYSTEM

SAG delivered a proposal for the modification of the current system for rejections evaluation, which is used in the preclearance program. This will be evaluated by APHIS. APHIS agreed to respond by the end of July.

## 9. THRIPS, IDENTIFICATION OF NYMPHAL STAGES.

In relation to the SAG proposal in respect to the identification of thrips nymphal stages, APHIS delivered a letter during the meeting. APHIS asked for an original copy of the taxonomic document and thrips samples mounted in slides.

SAG has committed to send a clearer copy of the taxonomic document by Engineer Margarita Peralta.

Once those requested materials are provided, and the steps further outlined in the document adopted, APHIS Santiago will be able to accept and implement the requested proposal.

## 10. BLUEBERRY EXPORTS FROM THE UNITED STATES.

The information sent by USDA was received by SAG on May 31<sup>st</sup>, 2002, by FAX, SAG has not had time to analyze the information reason why it has not been analyzed. Additionally, during the meeting USDA provided additional information to be considered in the pest risk analysis that SAG will have to develop for this product.

Because of a disparity in the documentation that both agencies have, USDA agreed to combine the information into one document, which will be send in a period o f two weeks (by June 21).

It was agreed that the pest list should only include pests associated with the fruit.



## 11. CITRUS PROPAGATION MATERIAL EXPORTS FROM THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA.

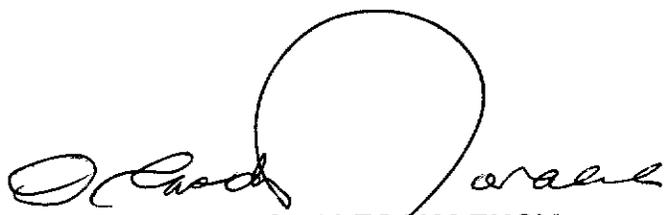
With respect to the phytosanitary requirements for the citrus reproduction material entry from California, SAG asked for the updating of *Xanthomonas axonopodis* pv. *citri* information. USDA provided information which will be used in the formulation of the norm that will establish the import requirements for citrus propagation material from the State of California, corresponding to the import permits issued to date.

SAG will provide a draft copy of the import conditions for APHIS comment.

This regulation will follow the normal process of publication in the Diario Oficial.

## 12. VARIOUS

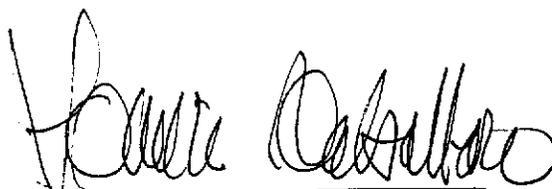
In USDA note send in May 1<sup>st</sup>, 2002, referring to the establishment of fruit fly quarantine in all the I Region, it was agreed to make some modifications to limit restrictions to quarantine measures of the Arica Province of I Region per the notification of a declaration of eradication submitted to USDA/APHIS.



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