

International Activities

Vegetable and Flower Emerging Issues Working Group
January 24, 2014

China

- Priorities in China:
 - IP protection and enforcement
 - Germplasm movement
 - Science-based phytosanitary regulations
 - Importance of quality seed
- 2015 Activities
 - Feb: 2015 strategic planning trip
 - Apr: industry to industry event; company visits
 - Fall: delegation visit

Brazil

- Priority: science-based phytosanitary policies
- 2014 fact finding and relationship building trip
 - Met with ABRASEM, MAPA, FAS at US Embassy
 - Discussed: N36, O59, ABRASEM's new structure,
 US Embassy priorities, and 2015 workshop
- 2015 phytosanitary workshop
 - Spring trip: for experts to review N36 comments and provide technical feedback to MAPA

Mexico

- Priorities in Mexico:
 - Clear understanding of phytosanitary protocols
 - Science-based phytosanitary regulations
- Previous activities: four border workshops with APHIS, SAGRAPA, CBP, and AMSAC
 - 2014 topics: ISF & Mexico seed pest list and PRA's; organic seeds; harmonization of seed testing methods; IPPC seed standard
- AMSAC and ASTA's Mexico WG interested in another workshop this fall.

Tuesday, September 30th

8:00 a.m.	Registration & Welcome	
8:30 a.m.	Review of ISF & Mexico Seed Pest List and PRA's	AMSAC: Mario Puente
	 New Approach of PRA's in Mexico 	ASTA: Ric Dunkle
	Approach of the US	SENASICA-DGSV: MC. Carlos Lázaro APHIS
10:00 a.m.	Break	
10:30 a.m.	Organic Seeds	
	 Untreated Seed Protocol 	SENASICA -DGSV: Ing. Yanell Domínguez
	Example of Protocol	AMSAC: Alejandra Elizalde
	 Guidelines for Import and Domestic Marketing 	SENASICA-DGIAAP: Ing.Lidia Barrios
12:00 p.m.	Lunch at La Villita Restaurant	
1:30 p.m.	Harmonization of Diagnostic Tests Panel Discussion	SENASICA: MC. Oscar Morales & José Manuel
	Next Steps	Cambrón
	 Potential Acceptance of US accredited NSHS 	APHIS: John Gilmore
	Lab Tests	Plant Health Diagnostic Lab: Ma. Consepción Garcia
		Soria, GINSEA
		ASTA: Ric Dunkle
		Seed Industry: Jesús Alcazar, Monsanto
2:30 p.m.	Guide to Inspection and Sampling of Seeds	SENASICA: Ing. Gloria Morgado Hernández
3:00 p.m.	Pilot Program for sampling reduction in the border	SENASICA DGIF: Ing. Gloria Morgado Hernández
		SENASICA-DGSV: Ing. Yanell Domínguez
4:00 p.m.	Break	
4:15 p.m.	Seed Re-Exportation Process	APHIS
5:00 p.m.	Preparation for Site Visits	ASTA /AMSAC/DGIF
		Alejandra Elizalde / Kelly / Ing. Luis Guillermo
		Arévalo Galván
5:30 p.m.	Adjourn	

Wednesday, October 1st

8:30 a.m.	Depart hotel for Puerto Vallarta Inspection Facility	ASTA / AMSAC / SENASICA / APHIS
9:00 a.m.	Inspection Process at Puerto Vallarta Airport	SENASICA-DGIF: Ing. Luis Guillermo Arévalo
		Galván.
11:30 a.m.	Return to hotel	
12:00 p.m.	Lunch at La Villita Restaurant	
1:30 p.m.	Debrief Inspection Facility Visit	ASTA: Ric Dunkle
		AMSAC: Mario Puente
2:00 p.m.	Proposed IPPC International Seed Standard	ASTA: Ric Dunkle
		AMSAC: Mario Puente
3:30 p.m.	Wrap Up and Review of Action Items	
4:00 p.m.	Adjourn	



Re-Export Workshop

- Objective: Reduce phytosanitary barriers that block seed movement, including non-science based requirements and confusing requirements that delay shipments
- Modeled after Mexico border workshops
- Proposed ports: Seattle, Portland, Oakland,
 Los Angeles, New Orleans, and Houston
- Proposed time: late summer/early fall

