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Phytosanitary Committee

Mexico Report

American Seed Trade Association
Vegetable and Flower Seed Conference
Tampa, Florida.





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1. Joint Phytosanitary Workshop ASTA/AMSAC US-Mexico September 30-October 1, 2014

Attendance: 30 people from 18 companies of Mexico and USA





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Agreements.

1. ASTA and AMSAC will coordinate a request for APHIS and SENASICA to conduct a bi-lateral meeting regarding seeds.
2. Harmonization of diagnostic protocols. This approach is proposed for the 2014-2015 NAPPO projects. Goal is avoid re-testing.
3. To promote a workshop between Mexico and the United States to review the diagnostic protocols for quarantine pest of seeds.





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4. Pest List.

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Pest	Seed
<i>Clavibacter michiganensis subsp. michiganensis</i>	Tomato
<i>Xanthomonas campestris pv. campestris</i>	Brassicas
<i>Acidovorax avenae subsp. citrulli</i>	Watermelon
<i>Cuscuta</i>	Alfalfa
<i>Pantoea stewartii</i>	Maize
Pepper Mild Mottle Tobamovirus	Pepper
<i>Alternaria brassicicola</i>	Brassicas





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5. Seed Re-Export issues were resolved by the definition of additional declarations.
6. AMSAC shared with ASTA an updated on the Mexico Organic Import Program, including the approved procedure for companies to import untreated seed into Mexico for organic production.





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2.- Untreated seed for organic production.

- To provide seed for the organic vegetable program.
- Companies AMSAC - membership
- Based on the recognition of the principle of equivalence of phytosanitary measures.
- SENASICA allowed maintain the seed at the Mexican border until obtaining the diagnosis of laboratory for replacing the phytosanitary treatment (chemical, biological or physical). If no quarantine pest are detected the seed is imported to Mexico.
- Working with SENASICA in order to include more species to the program





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Company	Name of the Specie	
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Enza Zaden	Chicory (<i>Cichorium intybus</i>)	Leek (<i>Allium porrum</i>)
	Onion (<i>Allium cepa</i>)	Chives (<i>Allium fistulosum</i>)
	Celery (<i>Apium graveolens</i>)	Sugar beet (<i>Beta vulgaris</i>)
	Broccoli (<i>Brassica oleracea</i> var. <i>itálica</i>)	Coriander (<i>Coriandrum sativum</i>)
	Cauliflower (<i>Brassica oleracea</i> var. <i>botrytis</i>)	Carrot (<i>Dacus carota</i>)
Bejo	Pepper (<i>Capsicum annuum</i>)	Tomato (<i>Solanum Lycopersicum</i>)
Seminis	Cucumber (<i>Cucumis sativus</i>)	Spinach (<i>Spinacea oleracea</i>)
Grupo Sakata de México de S.A. de C.V		
Keithly Williams		
Mar Seed		
Syngenta		
Harris Moran		
Rijk Zwaan México, S.A. de C.V.		
Promotora Agrícola El Toro, S.A. de C.V.		
Nunhems México S.A de C.V		
Ahern Internacional de México S.A. de C.V		
Martha Luisa Velez Salomón		

There are 13 companies and 14 species authorized.

****Another bag of species are under discussion with SENASICA.**





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3.- Pest Risk Analysis

- 10 PRAs 2014
- 40 new PRAs applications for to 2015
- Fast track Pest Risk Analysis SENASICA / CONACOFI
- Pest Risk Analysis workshop (March 2015)

Seed commodity	Origen	Provenance
beetroot	New Zealand	Holand
eggplant	Israel	USA
onion	Spain	Holand
onion	Italy	Holand
zucchini	China	China
zucchini	Tailandia	Tailandia
pepper	Hungary	Hungary
pepper	Chile	Chile
pepper cuttings	Spain	Spain
radish	New Zealand	Holand





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4. Inspection guidelines for seeds

Harmonization criteria of border inspectors:

- Sampling (size and methodology).
- Inspection process.

Link : <http://www.senasica.gob.mx/?id=3779>



Warm white powdery sand beaches and turquoise crystal clear waters together with the famous Mexican hospitality make this a place like NO OTHER!

AMSAC CONVENTION

September 8, 2015

SAA CONGRESS

September 9 – 10, 2015

