

Jingyuan Xia
Secretary, International Plant Protection Convention (IPPC)
Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations
AGDI, Vaile delle Terme de Caracalla,
00153, Italy

Dear Secretary Xia:

This letter is to express our support on behalf of Canadian Seed Trade Association (CSTA) regarding the North American Plant Protection Organization's (NAPPO) proposal to the 2018 IPPC call for topics, for the IPPC to develop an Annex to ISPM 38- International movement of seeds focused on the "Design and use of systems approaches for phytosanitary certification of seeds".

CSTA is a national trade association that brings together more than 130 members engaged in all aspects of seed research, production, and marketing and trade, both domestically and internationally.

We are in support of NAPPO's proposal on this topic and have been in collaboration with NAPPO on this concept. Our stakeholders also view this topic as a priority.

Thank you in advance for your consideration of this important topic.

Best regards,



Dave Carey
Executive Director