Re: ADCOM agenda topic- Addendum from APHIS added to GRIN website distribution policy

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I'll add a ticket and forward your message to the AdCom for discussion.

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Hi Lisa:
APHIS would like an addendum to our GRIN web page that clearly states that NPGS will not distribute imported germplasm regulated as Not Authorized Pending Pest Risk Analysis (NAPPRA) unless specific conditions are followed. See the email below and the proposed addendum. I think it's a good addendum. Although NPGS is complying with APHIS import regulations, having the addendum reassures APHIS and also informs our customers. Can ADCOM approve this addition and write up a ticket to have it implemented? Do you want me there for the discussion? Thanks
Stephanie

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Subject: RE: Addendum for the ARS GRIN and NPGS distribution websites

Hello Stephanie,

Thank you. Those are excellent edits and further help clarify the addendum.

So the revised version:

The National Plant Germplasm System (NPGS) will not distribute imported plant germplasm regulated as Not Authorized Pending Pest Risk Analysis (NAPPRA) unless the requestor holds a Controlled Import Permit for quarantine evaluation, OR germplasm is officially released by APHIS PPQ after it was evaluated for pests through growth and/or testing under quarantine. A USDA APHIS Controlled Import Permit (application PPQ 588) is required for all imported germplasm that is regulated as NAPPRA.

Could you let us know when the addendum will be put up on the ARS website and where we can see it on the web page? We can also help to direct applicants to the web site.

May this lead to more collaboration between ARS and APHIS on imported plant germplasm.
Thanks,
Pauline

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Please be advised that some plant taxa that previously required post entry quarantine are now categorized as Not Authorized Pending Risk Assessment (NAPPRA) and require a PPQ 588 application.

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Hi Pauline
Is it possible to make the following modifications?
The National Plant Germplasm System (NPGS) will not distribute imported plant germplasm regulated as Not Authorized Pending Pest Risk Analysis (NAPPRA) unless the requestor holds a Controlled Import Permit for quarantine evaluation, OR germplasm is officially released by APHIS PPQ after it was evaluated for pests through growth and/or testing under quarantine. A USDA APHIS Controlled Import Permit (application PPQ 588) is required for all imported germplasm that is regulated as Not Authorized Pending Pest Risk Analysis (NAPPRA).

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Hello Stephanie,

Enclosed is the APHIS policy addendum to include on the ARS website for the distribution of imported germplasm:

> The National Plant Germplasm System (NPGS) will not release imported plant germplasm domestically unless the requestor holds a Controlled Import Permit for quarantine evaluation, OR germplasm is officially released by APHIS PPQ after it was evaluated for pests through growth and/or testing under quarantine. A USDA APHIS Controlled Import Permit (application PPQ 588) is required for all imported germplasm that is regulated as Not Authorized Pending Pest Risk Analysis (NAPPRA).

When NLGRP applies for a Controlled Import Permit (CIP) the permit allows NLGRP permits to import foreign plant germplasm for long term storage, but not for domestic release or increase. NLGRP imports enter the United States and are directed to the an APHIS plant inspection station where the material is check against the permit to confirm you are importing is what is listed on the permit. Plant material is checked for hitchhiking pests, but it is **not** a quarantine disease evaluation. In the case of *Oryza* seed, (prohibited from all countries), it does undergo a hot water treatment to remove pathogens on the outside of the seed. This is not a quarantine evolution for diseases that may be carried internally in the seed.

The Plant Germplasm Quarantine Program (PGQP, Director is Dr. Foster) coincidently is co-located at the Beltsville lab, **does not** evaluate or examine your imported CIP material for pathogens.

To ensure U.S. import regulations provide adequate protection against the risk posed by plants for planting, USDA APHIS would like subscribers to NLGRP and the GRIN website to be aware of the testing and quarantine evaluation needed for imported germplasm by applying for a

USDA APHIS Controlled Import Permit. This will allow USDA to more fully protect U.S. agriculture from foreign pests while minimizing adverse economic and trade impacts.

Thank you for working with us to develop and apply this important information to the ARS germplasm websites. We hope this addendum will provide clearer guidance to your ARS subscribers for imported germplasm.

Thank you,
Pauline

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