

# ACTION ITEM FORM

Subject of Action Item: **Streamlined Process for Review and Approval of New Treatment Methods**



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**Background.** Once an EPA registered pesticide is determined to be efficacious against a pest species, such as Imported Fire Ant or the Japanese beetle, it must be incorporated as part of the Code of Federal Regulations prior to its use as a legally approved quarantine treatment. In order for a new approved pesticide treatment to be included in the Code of Federal Regulations, experimental data must be collected and analyzed by USDA personnel to determine the material's effect on the pest species. This process may take as long as 18-24 months. These delays may create economic burdens, hamper the movement of materials, and lead to a reduced profitability for stakeholders and the industries impacted.

**Requested Action.** The National Plant Board requests that the National Association of State Departments of Agriculture request that the USDA, APHIS, PPQ develop and implement a streamlined process for the review and approval of new pesticide treatment methods for incorporation in control programs for regulated plant pests. The process would permit EPA registered pesticides that have been approved by USDA, APHIS, PPQ staff and researchers to be legally binding upon listing in the individual program manuals. Treatment materials included in program manuals could be legally used in quarantine programs concurrently during the period they are being incorporated into the Code of Federal Regulations.