Report of the Working Group on Grape Model Regulations

At the July 8, 2008 meeting of the NCPN-grape, a task was identified - development of a “model regulation” that would be the basis for an NCPN stamp of approval for certification.

A working group was suggested in October; all have agreed to serve:
   Eric Amberg, Grafted Grapevine Nursery
   John Duarte, Duarte Nursery
   Bob Martin, USDA-ARS Corvallis
   Tim Martinson, Cornell University
   Susan McCarthy, California Dept. of Food and Ag
   Ruth Welliver, Pennsylvania Dept. of Ag
   Ray Johnson, Canadian Food Inspection Agency, to provide a NAPPO perspective
   Nancy Sweet, to assist with general communication

Statement of the Task: Develop a model regulation for a certification program that would be a minimal standard for NCPN-approved programs. We have a good starting point in existing state grape certification program regulations.

The model NCPN regulation should:

1. Incorporate appropriate NAPPO terminology and conform to international standards.
2. Refer to pathogen lists for “Foundation” (G1?) material developed by NCPN-Grape committee – that is, we do not need to re-develop such a list.
3. Describe requirements for auditing, testing (only testing needed downstream from import and G1), and growing (best management practices, isolation distances, site preparation requirements, etc) for generations of material derived from the highest level through to the last generation of nursery stock to be certified as plants for planting.
4. Incorporate any known regional differences in certification scheme that would be considered a minimal requirement for certification by the NCPN.

We were asked to have something prepared by March 2009.

As of December 2: Bob Martin agreed to take a stab at a first draft of a model document for us to work with.