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SUMMARY REPORT OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON PLANTS, ANIMALS, FOOD AND FEED HELD IN BRUSSELS ON 21 NOVEMBER 2016

(Section Propagating Material of Plants of Fruit Genera and Species)

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B.01 Exchange of views and possible opinion of the Committee on a draft Commission Implementing Decision temporarily authorising Belgium, Czech Republic, France, and Spain to produce pre-basic mother plants and pre-basic material in the field under non-insect proof conditions for specific genera or species.

Commission presented the draft Decision. After the PAFF Committee of 7 November 2016 the Belgian delegate asked Commission to have the same conditions of its request for authorisation as France with regards to the absence of any isolation distance, more frequent inspections and analyses, and a reduction of the period of the authorisation to two years.

Commission informed Member States that it had been decided to discuss this draft Decision in the PAFF Committee on Plant Health before proposing the text for vote. The postponement of the vote is due to the latest developments of *Xylella fastidiosa* in the Union territory and the relevance of *Prunus* species as a pathway of spread. Commission gave a short update on *Xylella* and presented several options to address this issue.

Vote postponed