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**SUMMARY REPORT OF THE MEETING OF THE EXPERT GROUP ON PLANT  
REPRODUCTIVE MATERIAL LEGISLATION - Working Group on heterogeneous material  
(populations)**

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Experts from the following Member States were present: BE, DE, DK, EE, FR, HU, IR, NL, PL and UK. Expert from CPVO participated too.

On a basis of a first working document a possible temporary experiment on populations (not confirming to variety definition) was discussed: necessary derogations to the current Directives, plant species, conditions for marketing and conditions for the experiment.

Another topic under discussion was the possible future legal framework: rules on labelling and packaging, description and breeding and production methods, information and samples of production and maintenance register, fees.

The next meeting of the expert group is planned for 3 September 2013. The discussion should concentrate on the framework for possible temporary experiment (revised document) and if time allows, the provisions proposed for heterogeneous in the proposal for marketing plant reproductive material.

Further work was identified on the following issues: (1) Data on different kind of populations: review of existing scientific data (possible JRC study), (2) Socio-economic analysis on populations and possibly identification of further studies for new research programmes (JRC in participating in the experiment?) and (3) Information on current practices in the EU (Member States to collect information). Moreover, a seminar open to all necessary stakeholders should be organised to collect information and share views (end of 2013/winter 2014).