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SUMMARY REPORT

B.01 Exchange of views and possible opinion of the Committee on a draft Commission Implementing Decision on emergency action against a plant pest in the Union and third countries.

No item raised.

B.02 Exchange of views and possible opinion of the Committee on a draft Commission Implementing Regulation establishing uniform conditions for the implementation of Regulation (EU) 2016/2031 of the European Parliament and the Council, as regards protective measures against pests of plants, and repealing Commission Regulation (EC) No 690/2008 and Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2018/2019.

The Member States submitted their views on the main normative part and the 14 Annexes of the Implementing Regulation, in addition to the comments sent in writing. No technical vote took place, as the Commission is still waiting for the outcome of internal revision procedures. Once the text is completed, it will be submitted to the Member States and following a silent procedure of five days it will further submit the text of the Implementing Regulation to WTO for the 60-days SPS commenting period. The text will also be uploaded on the EU Better Regulation portal to allow stakeholders to send in comments.

Most comments of the Member States concerned the issue of Regulated Non-Quarantine Pests (RNQPs), the legal basis to set out the respective measures, the listing or not of several of them, as well as the application date of the new Implementing Regulation with regards to seeds already produced.

No vote but support for the proposed procedure to consult stakeholders via Better Regulation Portal and the WTO-SPS channel.

Vote Postponed

B.03 Exchange of views and possible opinion of the Committee on a draft Commission Implementing Decision as regards measures to prevent the introduction into and the spread within the Union of Tomato brown rugose fruit virus (ToBRFV).

It was agreed to prohibit the introduction and spread of ToBRFV in the EU, to organize surveys in the EU territory, to restrict the movement for seeds and plants of *Solanum lycopersicum* and *Capsicum annuum* within the EU and to impose import requirements on the same material originating in third countries. As regards the testing of seed samples the Committee agreed that testing results of EU or other international proficient labs can be used by authorities of third countries as part of their export certification, as long as they are officially recognized for this by the competent authorities of those third countries.

These temporary measures will apply from 1 November 2019.

Vote taken: Favourable opinion.

B.04 Exchange of views and possible opinion of the Committee on a draft Commission Implementing Decision amending Commission Implementing Decision (EU) 2018/638 as regards emergency measures to prevent the introduction into and the spread within the Union of *Spodoptera frugiperda* (Smith).

The aim of the proposed amendment is to extend the geographic scope to all third countries and the duration of the measure until 30 June 2021. The amendments will apply from 1 October 2019 onwards.

Vote taken: Favourable opinion.

B.05 Exchange of views and possible opinion of the Committee on a draft Commission Implementing Decision authorising Member States to provide for derogations from certain provisions of Council Directive 2000/29/EC in respect of potatoes, other than potatoes intended for planting, originating in the regions of Akkar and Bekaa of Lebanon.

The aim of the proposed amendment was to renew Decision 2013/413/EU until 31 March 2023.

Vote taken: Favourable opinion.

M.01 Acceptability of phytosanitary certificates which are not originally signed.

An exchange of views took place on the acceptability of phytosanitary certificates (PC) from third countries which are presented during import control without being signed originally, but as a copy, scan or with a printed signature. The Committee had a strict approach on this issue and it was concluded and confirmed that a PC which is not originally signed should not be accepted. When the signature is electronically produced, then this should be as part of a real e-PC and fulfil all EU conditions for electronic certification laid down in Decision 2018/1553/EU.