



## **SUMMARY REPORT OF THE WORKING GROUP**

### **Creation of a common list of varieties of fruit genera and species**

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#### **1. FOREMATIS and FRUMATIS**

Experts agreed on the use of the acronyms FOREMATIS for the Forest Reproductive Material Information System and FRUMATIS for the Fruit Reproductive Material Information System.

#### **2. Demonstration of Forest Reproductive Material Information System (FOREMATIS).**

The demonstration of FOREMATIS was followed by an exchange of views on the system. Experts noted that the information to be reported creates problems in the case of species for which varieties exist and especially in the case of Community plant variety rights where the denomination must be used. The Commission explained that the structure of the national lists is laid down in Commission Decision 1597/2002/EC and can't be changed. The aforementioned structure as well as the link to Commission Decision 1597/2002/EC will be added to the homepage of FOREMATIS.

#### **3. Draft structure of FRUMATIS**

Participants looked at the mandatory information to be included in the variety register according to Implementing Directive 2014/97/EU. A draft structure of FRUMATIS was compiled.

Several technical aspects of the information contained in FRUMATIS were discussed.

The expert group decided that both EPPO and UPOV codes may be used for the identification of varieties of plant genera and species. The compatibility of EPPO and UPOV names will be checked. The list of species in FRUMATIS will comprise more fruit genera and species than those listed in Annex I of Directive 2008/90/EC on the marketing of fruit plant propagating material and fruit plants. It was also decided that FRUMATIS won't contain any trade names. A separate list containing trade names might be considered at a later stage.

In the case of pending applications for varieties not disposing of a denomination, the breeder's reference should be included.

G. Georgiannakis will prepare a background note on the approach for determining the default view of varieties in the Fruit Reproductive Material Information System. Upon consultation of the information system users will have several options for viewing varieties: all varieties including those which have been removed / refused / withdrawn / expired / surrendered, **or** only registered varieties, **or** only removed / refused / withdrawn / expired / surrendered varieties. There is a need for a validation of any amendments to a national register by the Member State concerned and a notification of such changes to Commission and Member States.

The Fruit Reproductive Material Information System will be developed in several phases:

1. Member States to upload manually their national lists in excel format.
2. Establishment of links to national registers
3. Fully automated procedure

Experts agreed that the official denomination in a given Member State will be used in that Member State whereby reference will be made to the official names (i.e. synonyms) in other Member States. In case a variety has synonyms within the Member State those synonyms will be listed followed by the letter code of that Member State.

The date of application is considered to be voluntary information. Users may decide whether or not to make use of this information. In case the date is not known it should not be included. It is the purpose to have reliable information in the system and to spot those varieties for which the application for registration has been pending for a very long time (e.g. 20 years).

CPVO called for a reflection whether a common structure of national databases could be achieved in such a way that links between national databases, CPVO Variety Finder and FRUMATIS could be established.

The draft structure of FRUMATIS will be updated and presented to the upcoming Working Party meeting on Plants, Animals, Food and Feed - Section Propagating material and plants of fruit genera and species.

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