



Minutes

Meeting of the Expert Group on Plant Health (E00925) Exceptions for Movement of Scientific Material 11 December 2018, 14h00-15h00

Chair : European Commission (COM), DG SANTE (Unit G1 - Plant Health)

Present : Experts of the Member States

Topic	Documents
Objectives of the meeting Presentation and discussion of the stakeholders comments received on the Better Regulation Portal ¹ , on the draft Delegated Regulation setting out rules concerning exceptions for pests, plants, plant products and other objects for the purpose of scientific trials under the new Regulation 2016/2031 (Basic Regulation).	
Introduction The Commission opened the third meeting of the Expert Group, welcomed the Experts, and presented the objectives of the meeting. The Commission noted that the Council and the Parliament were not present.	
1 Elements for discussion <ul style="list-style-type: none">- The aim of the meeting was to ask assistance to the Experts on the comments received from the stakeholders on the drafted Delegated Regulation.- In addition, Experts provide comments on several articles.	-Draft Delegated Regulation -Stakeholder comments
2 Scope (Article1) <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Some Experts asked to evaluate the possibility of including the pest under Article 28	
3 Definitions (Article 2) <ul style="list-style-type: none">- (b) Definitions completed with the points of the Articles related to the criteria used to elaborate the lists of plants, plants products and other objects covered by this Delegated Regulation.- (d) According to the Experts from the Second Expert Group meeting, the definition of "official testing" was not relevant. Therefore, it has been revised and aligned with the one provided during the Working group on specific rules concerning quarantine stations and confinement facilities and the release of plants, plant products and other objects from them (20 September 2018).	Draft Delegated Regulation

¹ https://ec.europa.eu/info/law/better-regulation/initiatives/ares-2018-4817616_en

4	<p>Letter of Authority following the authorization (Article 6)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Several Experts agreed with the comments from the stakeholders, who suggested to delete the requirement of Article 6 point 3, i.e. the endorsement of the NPPOs from Third Countries. - Some Experts recommended to delete also the requirement of Article 6 point 2 i.e. the endorsement of the NPPOs from EU Ms. 	<p>-Draft Delegated Regulation -Stakeholder comments</p>
5	<p>Special provision for official testing (Article 7)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Some Experts recommended to clarify Recital (7) - Some Experts recommended to reduce the overall level of constraint required for Official testing 	<p>Draft Delegated Regulation</p>
	<p>Conclusion</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The Commission thanked the Experts for their assistance. - It is noted that the Experts wished additional changes - The following planning was agreed by the Experts: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. By 10 January 2019 : submission of written comments and corrections by the Experts 2. Writing finalization of Delegated Regulation by the Commission. 3. 3rd Expert group meeting on 22 January 2019 4. Adoption by the College (Q1). 	