



**Summary report of the meeting of the Expert group on legislation of seed and plant propagating material - Working Group on fodder plant seed
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Experts from the following Member States were present: DE, DK, ES, FR, IT, and PT.

The expert group met to discuss the results of the temporary experiment on fodder plant seed mixtures (Commission Decision 2010/468/EU) and as a follow-up the required changes to the scope of Directive 66/401/EEC on marketing fodder plant seed and technical requirements of the new species. A draft implementing Directive is under preparation.

1. List of plant species to be added under the scope of Article 2(1)(A) (general scope) of Directive 66/401/EEC on the marketing of fodder plant seed

It was agreed to add 23 new fodder plant species to the general scope of the basic Directive as for these plant species no or few varieties are nationally listed and not enough seed is available. Seed of these plant species would be marketed as commercial seed or certified seed. The expert from Portugal promised to send more information on the origin of the new plant species and their non-invasiveness. The delegate from Spain informed about varieties in the process of being registered.

2. Plant species that could be added under the scope of Article 3 (obligatory certification) of Directive 66/401/EEC

At this stage, no new fodder plant species will be added under the scope of Article 3. At a later stage, in around 5 years' time, it could be reviewed whether or not to lay down an obligatory certification requirement for the species concerned.

3. Current requirements for the plant species

The experts discussed the current requirements: confirmation percentage of composition on the label by official post-control, OECD Seed Schemes rules and national standards in the EU Member States, Commission Decision 2004/371/EC on conditions for the placing on the market of seed mixtures intended for use as fodder plants and conditions for certification in Annex I and II of Commission Decision 2009/109/EC on the temporary experiment.

The expert from Portugal will make suggestions in writing for the requirements in the technical Annexes of Directive 66/401/EEC.

4. Results and experiences in Portugal on Annex I and II requirements of Commission Decision 2009/109/EC

A detailed presentation was given by the expert from Portugal.

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The experts from Portugal and Denmark suggested starting a new temporary experiment on new different species which are of interest for animal nutrition (improving intake, taste etc.) or organic agriculture. The Member States were asked to send an official written request with a description of the specific objectives of such a temporary experiment.