



EUROPEAN COMMISSION

HEALTH & CONSUMERS DIRECTORATE-GENERAL

**SUMMARY REPORT OF THE MEETING OF THE EXPERT GROUP ON PLANT
REPRODUCTIVE MATERIAL LEGISLATION – WORKING PARTY ON
“PROPAGATING MATERIAL AND PLANTS OF FRUIT GENERA AND SPECIES”
held on 1 April 2014**

Chairperson: Ms Diana Charels

Seventeen out of 28 Member States were present. Belgium, Bulgaria, Cyprus, France, Hungary, Ireland, Lithuania, Luxemburg, Malta, Romania and Slovenia did not participate. CPVO participated as observer.

1. Miscellaneous

No points were discussed under this heading.

2. **Exchange of views on a Commission Implementing Directive implementing Council Directive 2008/90/EC as regards specific requirements for the genus and species of fruit plants referred to in Annex I thereof, specific requirements to be met by suppliers and official inspections.** (doc. SANCO/12079/2012)(Legal base: Articles 4, 6(4) and 13(3) of Council Directive 2008/90/EC) (Opinion of the Committee via the examination procedure)

The working party meeting was dedicated to an exchange of views on the draft text regarding the certification of fruit propagating material and fruit plants intended for fruit production. Commission presented the text and a discussion took place. Member States had different views regarding the possibility of certifying propagating material belonging to varieties with an officially recognised description. Member States asked to re-introduce the term 'candidate pre-basic mother plant'. To increase the clarity of the draft legal text under discussion Member States insisted on the introduction of an explicit reference to Annex IV of Directive 2000/29/EC on harmful organisms in this draft text. Commission replied that such a reference was not necessary because the aforementioned Directive applies without prejudice to this draft legal text. In addition, Member States wanted to be informed about the progress of the work on the amendment of Annex IV of Directive 2000/29/EC. Some Member States enquired about the possibility of a mandatory certification of propagating material of the genera *Citrus* L., *Fortunella* Swingle and *Poncirus* Raf. because of the more stringent health requirements for those genera.