



## **SUMMARY REPORT OF THE WORKING GROUP ON PROPAGATING MATERIAL AND PLANTS OF FRUIT GENERA AND SPECIES**

**8 MAY 2018**

Chairperson: Ms D. Charels

With the exception of Bulgaria, Cyprus, Ireland, and Romania all Member States were present.

### **1. Discussion on the amendment of Commission Implementing Directive 2014/98/EU**

The Commission explained the background of the envisaged amendment and asked Member States to express their views regarding the urgency of this amendment.

### **2. State of play regarding use of coloured labels**

The Commission presented the outcome of a survey regarding the review of Article 2(4) on the use of coloured labels of Implementing Directive 2014/96/EU by 1 January 2019. A majority of Member States stated to be in favour of the mandatory use of coloured labels for certified material. A majority of Member States was in favour of the voluntary use of coloured labels for CAC material but there was no agreement on the colour to be used. The Commission asked Member States to send examples of their official labels by 5 June 2018.

### **3. Exchange of information on marketing of propagating material and fruit plants under the EU-harmonised certification scheme**

The Commission presented an overview of the marketing of propagating material, fruit plants, and rootstocks under the EU-harmonised certification scheme. France, Germany, Italy, Poland, and Slovenia promised to send (additional) marketing data by 31 May 2018. The Netherlands expressed its concern regarding the tendency towards the decreased production of certified material due to the lengthy procedures for registration and testing of new varieties, and the decreased lifetime of varieties. The Netherlands will send an official letter to enquire about the possibility of marketing certified material which is still under evaluation.

### **4. EU variety register: Fruit Reproductive Material Information System (FRUMATIS)**

The Commission presented the progress of the development of the semantic FRUMATIS application. Member States were asked to comment by 1 June 2018 on the options proposed in the presentation for certain fields of the excel template that will be used for the submission of national lists. The Portuguese delegate asked the Commission to include the date of the last update in the publicly available FRUMATIS. The Commission will send updates of the EU variety register to the Community Plant Variety Office.

**5. Harmonisation of variety denominations in FRUMATIS**

The Commission communicated the use of different variety denominations by different Member States for the same variety in listed in FRUMATIS. The Commission proposed that the Member States keep their denomination and list the use of other denominations by other Member States under the heading 'synonyms of the variety denomination'. The CPVO delegate explained the intended amendment of the rules on variety denomination for agricultural and vegetable species.

**6. State of play regarding implementation of Regulation (EU) 2016/2031 on protective measures against pests of plants**

The Commission presented the new Plant Health Regulation (EU) 2016/2031 and the indicative timeline for the adoption of delegated and implementing acts. The German delegate expressed the concern of inconsistencies between the new Plant Health Regulation, the Official Controls Regulation, and the marketing Directives. The Dutch delegate stated that the measures for Regulated Non-Quarantine Pests should remain listed in the marketing Directives and asked to maintain in the marketing Directives a general requirement on practical freedom from harmful organisms other than those that will be listed in an implementing act of the Plant Health Regulation.

**7. Common EU approach on import of fruit propagating material and fruit plants from third countries**

The Commission informed about the progress of the working group dealing with the elaboration of an EU-harmonised system to decide about the equivalence of propagating material and fruit plants produced in third countries. The Commission presented the outcome of a survey on the import of propagating material, fruit plants, and rootstocks from third countries. The Italian delegate enquired if a derogation could be requested for propagating material exported from an EU Member State to a third country where it is micro-propagated and subsequently re-imported into the Member State of origin.

**8. Update on EU quality pest project in collaboration with the European and Mediterranean Plant Protection Organization**

The Commission provided an update about the outcome of the fruit sector expert working group of the EPPO quality pest project.

**9. Exchange of views on the possible re-classification of Plum pox virus as a Regulated Non Quarantine Pest**

The Commission informed that participants in the first meeting of the working group on Plum pox virus agreed that the pest should be re-classified as a Regulated Non Quarantine Pest with the possibility for Member States to request a protected zone status.