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SUMMARY REPORT

A.01 Exchange of views on information received from third countries in relation to pest status and treatments in relation to special EU import requirements applicable from 1 September 2019 onwards, in line with Directive (EU) 2019/523.

The Commission presented a summary of all the declarations submitted by third countries in the context of Directive (EU) 2019/523, which entered into force on 1 September 2019 and discussed some outstanding cases, for which further clarifications and/ or information would be needed.

A.02 Results of the Commission Working Group meeting on reduced frequency of import inspections on 27 June 2019, followed by an exchange of views and possible approval of the minimum reduced frequencies.

Postponed.

B.01 Exchange of views and possible opinion of the Committee on a draft Commission Implementing Decision on emergency action against a plant pest in the Union and third countries.

No item raised.

B.02 Exchange of views and possible opinion of the Committee on a draft Commission Implementing Decision as regards measures to prevent the introduction into and the spread within the Union of Rose Rosette Virus and its vector *Phyllocoptes fructiphilus*.

After presentation by the UK of the recent 2018 EPPO risk analysis for Rose Rosette Virus and the recently introduced national measures, the Commission presented the draft Commission Implementing Decision against Rose Rosette Virus. This Decision would provide for the prohibition to introduce or spread of the virus into /within the Union, import restrictions for plants of *Rosa* spp. originating in Canada, India and the US as well as surveillance activities within the EU territory.

It would apply from 1 November 2019 and will expire on 31 July 2022.

Vote taken: Favourable opinion.

B.03 Exchange of views and possible opinion of the Committee on a draft Commission Implementing Decision establishing measures to prevent the introduction into and the spread within the Union of *Fusarium circinatum* Nirenberg & O'Donnell (formerly called *Gibberella circinata*) and repealing Commission Decision 2007/433/EC.

A draft Decision was presented by the Commission for discussion. Overall, Member States agreed with the approach, but they raised some remaining comments.

The Commission will consider Member States' comments and present an amended draft text for a vote at a forthcoming Committee meeting.

Vote Postponed

M.01 Acceptability of phytosanitary certificates which are not originally signed.

On recent request from some trading partners, the Commission raised the issue of the type of signature to be accepted on phytosanitary certificates. It was now clarified that practices between Member States are differing, varying from accepting only original handwritten signatures to accepting printed signatures from third countries with a reliable export certification system. It was concluded that the possibility of a harmonised approach at mid-term should be investigated. In the meantime, existing national procedures can be maintained, provided that they have been shown to be reliable.