



SUMMARY REPORT OF THE WORKING PARTY MEETING ON PLANTS, ANIMALS, FOOD, AND FEED

Section Propagating material and plants of fruit genera and species

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Chairperson: Ms Diana Charels

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

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Information and/or discussion

A.1. Overview of marketing possibilities of fruit plant propagating material and fruit plants from 1 January 2017 onwards.

Commission presented a working document containing an overview of Member States' questions on certain provisions of Directives 2008/90/EC, 2014/97/EU and 2014/98/EU. Commission will seek the opinion from Legal Service and Secretary General on this document and share the outcome with Member States.

A.2. Draft structure of Information system on Register of varieties of propagating material and fruit plants FRUMATIS

There was an exchange of views on the development of the **Fruit** Reproductive **Material** **Information** **System** (FRUMATIS). It is an information system establishing an EU register of varieties of fruit genera and species using semantic technology. Commission asked Member States to comment on the draft structure of FRUMATIS by 4 April 2016.

A.3., A.4., A.5., A.6. DE, ES, HR, UK approach to implement the Commission Directives on registration, labelling, and certification of fruit plant propagating material and fruit plants

Three Member States (Germany, Spain, and United Kingdom) presented their approach to establish an EU harmonised certification system. The presentations were followed by a discussion on the two different types of variety registers existing both in Germany and Spain. Croatia's presentation was postponed.

A.7. Overview of requests for derogation to grow pre-basic mother plants and pre-basic material in the field

The requests for derogation introduced by Belgium, France, and Spain were presented. Commission explained that a working document will be prepared on the basis of the requests received. Derogations will be granted to Member States using the Comitology procedure.

A.8. Revision of special requirements for the movement of plants for planting listed in Annex IV to Directive 2000/29/EC on harmful organisms

Commission informed that an expert working group took place on 9 February. The working document will be amended on the basis of the input from the experts.

A.9. Interception of a consignment of plum trees from the Republic of Serbia – accidental mislabelling or fraudulent labelling?

This point was not addressed due to lack of time.

A.10. State of play of the proposal on Protective measures against pests of plants

Commission provided an update about the Plant Health Regulation and presented the indicative timetable for the adoption of the Plant Health Regulation and the concomitant secondary legislation.

A.11 EU quality pest project in collaboration with the European and Mediterranean Plant Protection Organization (EPPO)

Commission informed that the assessment of the project proposal has been finalised and that the project is expected to start in the summer of 2016.

A.12. Emergency Decision 2015/789 on *Xylella fastidiosa*

Commission informed about the amendment of the Emergency Decision. The Dutch delegate communicated that the inclusion of *Rosa floribunda* creates confusion about which *Rosa* species, hybrids and varieties are included in the Emergency Decision.

A.13. Draft Work programme of Standing Committees

Commission presented an overview of the work planned for 2016 in the various Committees.

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A.15. Information and exchange of views concerning the inclusion of *Rhynchophorus ferrugineus* (Olivier), also known as red palm weevil, in Commission Directive 93/49/EEC

Commission presented a working document on the proposed inclusion of Red palm weevil in Directive 98/56/EC on the marketing of propagating material of ornamental plants. Several Member States expressed their concerns and asked the Commission about the indicative planning of the amendment of Directive 98/56/EC.

Diana Charels