



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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With the exception of Austria, Cyprus, Greece and United Kingdom, all Member States were present.

SECTION A Information and/or discussion

A.1. Outcome of the questionnaire on the state of play of national variety registers of fruit genera and species and registers of suppliers.

The Commission gave an overview of Member States' replies to the questionnaire. Three out of five Member States that had not yet responded promised to send in their replies.

A.2. Demonstration of the EU list of Forest Reproductive Material (FRM) as example for the creation of a common list of varieties of fruit genera and species.

The Commission demonstrated the semantic database on forest reproductive material, explained recurrent errors and presented intended optimisations. Work is currently ongoing to enable login of authorised Member State experts with secure access. The semantic database will be fully operational and publicly available in autumn.

A.3. Exchange of views on the nomenclature of certain pests listed in Commission Implementing Directive 2014/98/EU regarding certification of plant propagating material and fruit plants.

This point was not addressed.

A.4. FR approach to implement the Commission Directives on registration, labelling and certification of fruit plant propagating material and fruit plants.

The French delegate presented the current certification system and the changes required to implement the harmonised EU certification system. At the start of the harmonised EU system France will have to apply for derogation because not all initial mother plants are grown in insect proof facilities. The French delegate reflected on the need for maintaining the current French inspection system and the isolation distances.

A.5. NL approach to implement the Commission Directives on registration, labelling and certification of fruit plant propagating material and fruit plants.

The Dutch delegate presented the current certification system and the changes that have to be made for implementing the new EU system from January 2017. Varieties which are not professionally marketed are not going to be registered. NL has in the beginning of 2015 registered the presently marketed varieties in two categories A (official description) and B (recognised description) in its national register. Distinctness, Uniformity and Stability (DUS) tests are conducted in another EU Member State. The costs for inspection comprise 1 % of the total value of the produced propagating material. The Dutch delegate mentioned the need to assess and re-think the approach for isolation distances. A certain amount of pre-basic mother plants has to be officially tested this year and next year to confirm that they fulfil the requirements of the certification Directive 2014/98/EU.

A.6. State of play of the revision of special requirements for the movement of plants for planting listed in Annex IV to Directive 2000/29/EC on harmful organisms.

The Commission informed Member States that comments were received in the previous Standing Committee on Plants, Animals, Food and Feed – Section Plant Health. The document will go through the internal revision procedure before being presented again in the Standing Committee. At the request of some Member States Commission promised to look into the possibility of organising overlapping Standing Committee meetings Section Plant Health and Section Propagating material and plants of fruit genera and species to discuss the working document.

A.7. State of play of the Working group on the Annexes of Council Directive 2000/29/EC – Annex II, Part A, Section II – listing of harmful organisms.

The Commission explained that the working group will finalise the revision of the pests listed in the Annex II, Part A, Section II in the autumn of this year.

A.8. State of play of the proposal on Official Controls Regulation.

The Commission informed Member States that Plant Reproductive Material has been taken out of the scope of the Official Controls Regulation by the Latvian Presidency despite the objections of the Commission and explained the outlook of the Regulation.

A.9. Emergency Decision 2015/789/EU on *Xylella fastidiosa*.

The Commission explained the state of play of the Emergency Decision on *Xylella fastidiosa*. There were several questions from Member States regarding the host range and the possibility for *Xylella* to spread to fruit species.

A.10. DG SANTE event at Expo Milan on 14 July 2015: Conference on “Climate change and food security: challenges for plant health, plant breeding and genetic resources”.

The Commission presented the program of the Conference on Climate change and food security in Milan and informed Member States that the entire conference will be web streamed.

A.11 Promotion of the launch of the EU harmonised certification system

The Dutch delegate proposed to take the lead on the organisation of a brainstorming session to promote the new harmonised system for the certification of fruit propagating material and fruit plants at EU level.

A.12 Miscellaneous

- The Commission presented the state of play of the Plant Health legislation and informed Member States that unfortunately the current text includes measures for regulating Regulated Non Quarantine Pests whereas those measures are already included in the marketing Directives on Seed and Plant Propagating Material.

- The Commission asked for volunteers to present at the next meeting their approach of the implementation of all three Commission Implementing Directives on registration of suppliers and varieties of fruit genera and species, labelling and certification of fruit plant propagating material and fruit plants, and received a positive reply from Bulgaria, Germany and Finland.
- The Commission announced that the next meeting will be scheduled for October-November.

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