







Minutes

Meeting of the Expert Group on Plant Health Legislation (E00925) Discussion of the Delegated Act on Priority Pests 27 May 2019, 14H30 - 18H00

Chair : European Commission (COM), DG SANTE (Unit G1 - Plant Health),
Present : Experts of the Member States, European Parliament, DG JRC and EFSA

	Topic	Documents
1.	Welcome and introduction The Commission welcomed the participants of the fifth Expert Group meeting and noted that no representatives of the Council were present. The draft agenda was adopted as proposed.	
2.	Presentation by EFSA of the state of play of data support to JRC activities on priority pests (new point) EFSA provided a general overview about the expert knowledge elicitation process that was recently finalised, and informed about the upcoming publication of the pest datasheets, containing the relevant set of information submitted to JRC for further assessment.	 Agenda item 2. Priority pests presenten
3.	Presentation of the outcome (ranking) of the application of the methodology to the list of Union quarantine pests qualifying as potential priority pests JRC presented the results from the application of the methodology to 28 potential priority pests. The methodology provided a ranking of 20 pests under the crop category, 6 under the forestry category and 2 under the agro-forestry category. JRC informed that the ranking methodology had been concluded after a proper sensitivity analysis of the input data and a solid assessment of the results.	 Agenda item 3. Presentation of the
4.	Presentation of the draft Commission Delegated Regulation establishing a list of the priority pests in accordance with Article 6 of Regulation (EU) 2016/2031 The Commission presented the draft Delegated Act establishing a list of 18 priority pests which are considered to have the highest economic, social or environmental impact for the Union territory, out of the 28 pests assessed by EFSA and JRC. The reasoning for that selection and the added value for enhanced efforts across Member States in terms of surveillance and early action if needed was explained. There was a general support on the draft Delegated Act at first sight; further refinement of the expert positions might be available later. Experts were given the possibility to send written comments if any after the meeting.	 10970-EN_Main text_EG.docx  10970-EN Annex_EG.docx

5.	Follow-up activities and conclusions The Commission informed that another Expert Group meeting might take place during the second week of July 2019, following the public feedback about the draft text expected in June. The draft act is planned to be adopted by the Commission in July 2019.	
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