



EUROPEAN COMMISSION  
DIRECTORATE-GENERAL FOR HEALTH AND FOOD SAFETY

Crisis management in food, animals and plants

## **SUMMARY REPORT OF THE WORKING GROUP MEETING ON**

### **Seeds and Propagating Material for Agriculture and Horticulture**

#### **Propagating material and plants of fruit genera and species**

#### **Propagating Material of Ornamental Plants**

#### **Forest Reproductive Material**

#### **Vine**

**WEDNESDAY 6 FEBRUARY 2019**

Chairperson: D. Charels

With the exception of Austria, Bulgaria, Croatia, Denmark and Latvia all Member States and Norway were present.

- 1. Exchange of views on a draft Commission Implementing Directive amending Council Directives 66/402/EEC, 68/193/EEC, 2002/56/EC and 2002/57/EC, on the marketing of cereal seed, material for the vegetative propagation of the vine, seed potatoes and seed of oil and fibre plants, and Commission Implementing Directives 93/49/EEC, 93/61/EEC, 2014/21/EU and 2014/98/EU on schedules indicating the conditions to be met by ornamental plant propagating material and ornamental plants, schedules indicating the conditions to be met by vegetable propagating material and planting material, minimum conditions and Union grades for pre-basic seed potatoes and on specific requirements for the genus and species of fruit plants respectively, to remove all quality pests and risk management measures for those pests.**

The Commission presented a draft Commission Implementing Directive amending the marketing Directives with the purpose of removing all provisions concerning Union Regulated Non Quarantine Pests (RNQPs). A number of delegates noted that there are several diseases which should remain in Implementing Directive 2014/98/EU on fruit plants because no pest has been identified, and consequently those diseases do not qualify as RNQPs. Several Member States asked to upload on CIRCA the word versions of the draft legal texts as well as all comments received on those texts. Member States were invited to send comments by 22 February 2019.

2. **Exchange of views on Annex III List of Union regulated non-quarantine pests and the respective plants for planting, the categories, and the thresholds, as referred to in Article 3 of Commission Implementing Regulation establishing uniform conditions for the implementation of Regulation (EU) 2016/2031 of the European Parliament and of the Council on protective measures against pests of plants).**

An exchange of views took place on Annex III which contains lists of RNQPs. Several Member States informed that a 0% tolerance level for RNQPs is not feasible and expressed their preference for the current notion of practical freedom in the marketing directives. The French delegate stated that the term practical freedom should be in accordance with the notion of threshold as laid down in Article 37(8) of Regulation (EU) 2016/2031. Several Member States stressed that Annex III should clearly state to which type of material tolerances apply. The Polish delegate asked about the absence of non-certified material of agricultural species in Annex III. Member States were invited to send comments by 22 February 2019.

3. **Exchange of views on Annex VIII and Annex VIII A Plants for planting to be moved within the entire Union territory subject to specific requirements to comply with the provisions on Union Regulated Non Quarantine Pests as referred to in Article 7 of Commission Implementing Regulation establishing uniform conditions for the implementation of Regulation (EU) 2016/2031 of the European Parliament and of the Council on protective measures against pests of plants.**

The Commission presented Annexes VIII and VIII A, containing measures to control RNQPs. An exchange of views took place. Several Member States asked the Commission to ensure the use of consistent terminology in the marketing directives and the draft Implementing Regulation. Several Member States questioned the lack of an exemption for the movement of seeds not complying with the requirements of the marketing directives without a plant passport. A number of Member States asked why all nepoviruses and all viruses regarding Directive 68/193/EEC on vine propagating material are listed together. Several Member States enquired about the risk management measures for those RNQPs of which the host plant species are not regulated in any of the marketing directives. The Slovenian delegate proposed regulating those RNQPs, in a separate part in Annex VIII. Commission proposed to look into this. In addition, Commission informed Member States that a survey would be organised on the extension of the list of fruit genera and species present in Annex I to Directive 2008/90/EC. Member States were invited to send comments by 22 February 2019.

4. **Discussion on Commission Implementing Directive amending Commission Implementing Directive 2014/96/EU as regards the requirements for the labelling of fruit plant propagating material and fruit plants (Legal base: Article 7 of Commission Implementing Directive 2014/96/EU)**

This point was not addressed due to lack of time.