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Summary report of the meeting of the Expert group on legislation of seed and plant propagating material - Working Group on a EU temporary experiment on field inspection

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Experts from the following Member States were present: AT, BE, DE, DK, FR, NL and UK. NO participated too.

The aim of the experiment was recalled: to find out the appropriate level of official check testing for field inspection under official supervision for basic and pre-basic seed productions. FR, which is coordinating the experiment, presented the 2013 results. 11 MS have notified their interest, however, in 2013 7 MS had implemented the Decision 2012/340/EU. Discussion took place on level of official check testing and number of field visits, procedure of licencing inspectors, post-controls and experience gained. Following conclusions were drawn:

(1) Reporting 2013

FR will present the report in SCS meeting on 14 May 2014. The audit results will be presented separately from official control results. The rate of official check testing of BE will be clarified in a footnote.

(2) Post-controls

Information on how post-controls are carried out in the MS should be collected for the 2014 report. The questionnaire will contain questions in relation to protocols and results (number of seed lots tested in 2013 per EU Directive, number of non-compliant seed lots for purity, number of non-compliant seed lots for identity)

(3) Licencing of inspectors

More detailed information and documentation requirements on licencing of inspectors should be collected for the 2014 report with support of AT, DE, FR, NL and UK.

(4) Reporting 2014

FR will send by 10 April 2014 a questionnaire to all the MS asking about their intention to participate (deadline for answer 30 April 2014).

The questionnaire to collect the results for 2014 will be send by FR before 31 December 2014.

The expert group will meet in the beginning of 2015.