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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**

**MONDAY 29 APRIL 2019**

Chairperson: P. Mannerkorpi

With the exception of Cyprus, Greece, Lithuania, and Romania, all Member States and Norway were present.

- 1. Exchange of views on a draft Commission Implementing Directive amending Council Directives 66/401/EEC, 66/402/EEC, 68/193/EEC, 1999/105/EC, 2002/54/EC, 2002/55/EC, 2002/56/EC, 2002/57/EC, and 2008/90/EC and Commission Implementing Directives 93/49/EEC, 93/61/EEC, 2014/21/EU and 2014/98/EU.**

The Commission presented a draft Commission Implementing Directive amending the marketing Directives with the purpose of removing provisions concerning Union Regulated Non Quarantine Pests (RNQPs). Member States were invited to send comments by 20 May 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' delegates were of the opinion that the notion 'tolerance level' should be applied in a harmonised way to the different types of seed and propagating material. Member States' delegates requested a long transition period for the Commission Implementing Regulation to become applicable. Several delegates would like to exempt in vitro propagated material from the scope of the plant passport requirement. Member States were invited to send comments by 20 May 2019.

3. **Exchange of views on Annex IV - Plants for planting in the form of seeds and other propagating material or plant reproductive material within the meaning of Directives 66/401/EEC, 66/402/EEC, 68/193/EEC, 98/56/EC, 1999/105/EC, 2002/55/EC, 2002/56/EC, 2002/57/EC and 2008/72/EC 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 8 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 on Annex IV took place. The Commission agreed to organise a videoconference with experts on vine propagating material to allow an in-depth discussion.

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. Member States were invited to send comments by 20 May 2019.

4. **Exchange of views on Annex V - Plants for planting, in the form of fruit plant propagating material and fruit plants within the meaning of Directive 2008/90/EC, to be moved within the entire Union territory subject to specific requirements to comply with the provisions on RNQPs 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 the outcome of a videoconference on Annex V. The Commission agreed to organise a second videoconference with experts on fruit plants to allow further in-depth discussions. Several Member States' delegates asked the Commission about the regulation of species which are not covered by any of the marketing directives. Commission promised to look into this matter. Member States were invited to send comments by 20 May 2019.

## SUMMARY REPORT OF THE WORKING GROUP MEETING ON

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

Chairperson: D. Charels

With the exception of Cyprus, Greece, Lithuania, and Romania, all Member States and Norway were present.

- 1. Exchange of views on a draft Commission Implementing Directive amending Commission Implementing Directive 2014/96/EU on the requirements for the labelling, sealing and packaging of fruit plant propagating material and fruit plants intended for fruit production, falling within the scope of Council Directive 2008/90/EC. (doc. SANTE/10818/2019).**

The Commission presented the draft legal text. Several Member States opposed to the mandatory use of the yellow colour for the supplier's document because it would create additional burden for the suppliers preparing that document. The Bulgarian and Italian delegates were in favour of coloured suppliers' labels. Several delegates would like to combine the supplier's document issued for *Conformitas Agraria Communitatis* material with the plant passport. Member States were invited to send comments by 20 May 2019.