



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**

**FRIDAY 14 DECEMBER 2018**

Chairperson: P. Mannerkorpi

With the exception of Bulgaria and Romania all Member States 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.**

Risk management measures to control Union Regulated Non Quarantine Pests (RNQPs) are currently regulated under the marketing Directives but will in the future be regulated under the new plant health legislation. The Commission presented a draft Commission Implementing Directive containing the amendments that will need to be introduced in the existing marketing Directives. The Commission confirmed that this legal text will be voted in the Standing Committee on Plants, Animals, Food and Feed, section Seeds and Propagating Material for Agriculture and Horticulture. An exchange of views took place and among other several Member States expressed the need for a transposition period. Member States were invited to send comments by 21 January 2019.

2. **Exchange of views on Annex VIII 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 a first draft of an Implementing Regulation listing pests, plants for planting and phytosanitary conditions for the introduction into, and movement within, the Union of those plants for planting. This Regulation would include many Annexes reflecting the existing Annexes I to IV of Directive 2000/29/EC, and the rules on RNQPs. The Commission presented several Annexes, and in particular Annexes VIII and VIIIA on measures to control RNQPs. Several Member States stressed that the scope of the marketing Directives should be respected when the measures for RNQPs are laid down under the plant health regulation. In addition, they asked for a harmonisation of the terminology used in the different marketing Directives. Member States were invited to send comments by 21 January 2019.

3. **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).**

The Commission presented Annex III list of RNQPs of the draft Commission Implementing Regulation mentioned above. An exchange of views took place and Member States were invited to send comments by 21 January 2019.