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## SUMMARY REPORT OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON PLANTS, ANIMALS, FOOD AND FEED HELD IN BRUSSELS ON 29 JANUARY 2018 - 30 JANUARY 2018

(Section Propagating Material of Ornamental Plants)

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B.01 Exchange of views and possible opinion of the Committee on a draft Commission Implementing Directive amending Commission Directive 93/49/EEC as regards requirements to be fulfilled by the propagating material of certain genera or species against *Rhynchophorus ferrugineus* (Olivier).

The draft Implementing Directive introduces specific requirements to ensure the quality of the propagating material of certain genera and species of *Palmae*, which are most commonly marketed in the Union and which are at risk of being infested by *Rhynchophorus ferrugineus* (Olivier), if such requirements are not fulfilled. Those requirements should include specific growing conditions or treatment of that material, as well as the condition of being free from that organism. Those requirements cover the scope of the Article 2 of the basic Directive 98/56/EC, namely plant material intended for the propagation of ornamental plants, or the production of ornamental plants only to the extent that the resulting ornamental plant is intended for further marketing. The Commission clarified that this does not cover the selling of those plants to final consumers.

The draft Directive will become applicable on 1 October 2018 to allow the appropriate time to the Member States for its transposition.

**Vote taken:** Favourable opinion.