



Minutes

Meeting of the Fifth Expert Group on Plant Health (E00925) Exceptions February 2019, 09h00-10h00

Chair : European Commission (COM), DG SANTE (Units G1 - Plant Health ; G5 Alerts, traceability and committees).

Present : Experts of the Member States .

	Topic	Documents
	<p>Objectives of the meeting</p> <p>The aim of the meeting was to ask assistance to the Experts on three elements of discussion proposed by the Commission before adoption of the draft Delegated Regulation setting out rules concerning exceptions for pests, plants, plant products and other objects for the purpose of scientific trials under the new Regulation 2016/2031 (Basic Regulation).</p>	
	<p>Introduction</p> <p>The Commission opened the fifth meeting of the Expert Group, welcomed the Experts, and presented the objectives of the meeting.</p> <p>The Commission noted that the Council and the Parliament were not present.</p>	
1	<p>Three elements for discussion</p> <p>1) The Commission proposed to delete the definition (Article 2(d)) and to elaborate consequently the text on the special provisions for Official testings (Article 7) on purpose of this regulation. Overall, the experts agreed on the proposal.</p> <p>2) The Commission clarified that the Endorsement of the Letter of Authority by Third Country (Article 6(3) and Annexes II B), which was not present the last draft presented, shall be mandatory, to ensure a high level of phytosanitary protection in the EU territory, equivalent for internal movements and for introduction from third countries.</p> <p>3) The experts strongly suggested to keep as such the provisions on the multiple sendings requirements (Article 6(4) and Annexe II A&B), what was agreed by the Commission.</p>	<p>-Draft Delegated Regulation</p> <p>-</p>
	<p>Conclusion</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The Commission thanked the Experts for their assistance. - The following planning was agreed by the Experts: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Writing finalization of Delegated Regulation by the Commission by 25 February. 2. Internal procedures for the adoption by the College (Q1). 	