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SUMMARY REPORT

B.01 Exchange of views and possible opinion of the Committee on a draft Commission Implementing Decision on a temporary derogation granted to Belgium, France and the Netherlands from marketing conditions of Council Directive 2002/57/EC for certified flax seed.

The Commission presented the draft, and an exchange took place mainly on the issue whether the seed falling under the temporary derogation should only be marketed in the respective Member States. The Commission clarified that the legal base and the practice followed in any earlier cases covers the marketing in the whole Union.

Vote taken: Favourable opinion.

B.02 Exchange of views and possible opinion of the Committee on a draft Commission Commission Implementing Decision on a temporary derogation granted to the Netherlands from marketing conditions of Council Directive 66/402/EEC for certified seed.

The Commission presented the draft, and an exchange took place on the same territorial question.

Vote taken: Favourable opinion.

M.01 Certification of seed for cover crops.

The delegate from a Member State asked whether seed intended for growing cover crops need to be certified. The Commission clarified that if the seed belongs to an EU regulated agricultural species, it must have gone through the certification process. Some Member States highlighted that farmers could use farm saved seed.

M.02 Upcoming presidency meetings.

The delegate from another Member State presented a question to the Belgium Presidency about upcoming meeting and documents. A flash has been provided and the Council meetings will take place 17 and 19 April. Texts for discussion will be provided before the meeting.