COMMISSION DECISION

of 12 December 2001

setting out the arrangements for Community comparative trials and tests on seeds and propagating material of certain plants under Council Directives 66/400/EEC, 66/401/EEC, 66/402/EEC, 66/403/EEC, 68/193/EEC, 69/208/EEC, 70/458/EEC and 92/33/EEC

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(Text with EEA relevance)

(2001/897/EC)

THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Community,

Having regard to Council Directive 66/400/EEC on the marketing of beet seed [1], as last amended by Directive 98/96/EC [2], and in particular Article 20(3) thereof,

Having regard to Council Directive 66/401/EEC on the marketing of fodder plant seed [3], as last amended by Directive 2001/64/EC [4], and in particular Article 20(3) thereof,

Having regard to Council Directive 66/402/EEC on the marketing of cereal seed [5], as last amended by Directive 1999/54/EC [6], and in particular Article 20(3) thereof,

Having regard to Council Directive 66/403/EEC on the marketing of seed potatoes [7], as last amended by Commission Decision 1999/742/EC [8], and in particular Article 14(4) thereof,

Having regard to Council Directive 68/193/EEC on the marketing of material for the vegetative propagation of the vine [9], as last amended by the Act of Accession of Austria, Finland and Sweden [10], and in particular Article 16(3) thereof,

Having regard to Council Directive 69/208/EEC on the marketing of seed of oil and fibre plants [11], as last amended by Directive 98/96/EC and in particular Article 19(3) thereof,

Having regard to Council Directive 70/458/EEC on the marketing of vegetable seed [12], as last amended by Directive 98/96/EC and in particular Article 39(3) thereof,

Having regard to Council Directive 92/33/EEC on the marketing of vegetable propagating and planting material, other than seed [13], as last amended by Directive 1999/29/EC [14] and in particular Article 20(4) thereof,

Whereas:

(1) The above mentioned Directives provide for the necessary arrangement to be made for Community comparative trials and tests of seed and propagating material to be carried out.

(2) Adequate representativity of the samples included in the trials and tests should be ensured, at least for certain selected plants.

(3) Member States should participate in the Community comparative trials and tests, in so far as seed of the above mentioned plants are usually reproduced or marketed in their territories, in order to ensure that proper conclusion may be drawn therefrom.

(4) The Commission is responsible for making the necessary arrangements for the Community comparative trials and tests.

(5) The technical arrangements for the carrying out of the trials and tests have been made within the Standing Committee on Seeds and Propagating Material for Agriculture, Horticulture and Forestry.

(6) The arrangements for the trials and tests also cover in relation to seed potatoes, *inter alia*, certain harmful organisms which come within the scope of Council Directive 2000/29/EC on protective measures against the introduction into Member States of organisms harmful to plants or plant products [15] as last amended by Directive 2001/33/EC [16].

(7) Community comparative trials and tests should be carried out from the year 2002 to 2003 on seeds and propagating material harvested in 2001 and the details for such trials and tests should also be set out.

[1] OJ 125, 11.7.1966, p. 2290/66.
[2] OJ L 25, 1.2.1999, p. 27.
[3] OJ 125, 11.7.1966, p. 2298/66.
[4] OJ L 234, 1.9.2001, p. 60.
[5] OJ 125, 11.7.1966, p. 2039/66.
[6] OJ L 142, 5.6.1999, p. 30.
[7] OJ 125, 11.7.1966, p. 2320/66.
[8] OJ L 297, 18.11.1999, p. 39.
[9] OJ L 93, 17.4.1968, p. 15.
[10] OJ C 241, 29.8.1994, p. 155.
[11] OJ L 169, 10.7.1969, p. 3.
[12] OJ L 225, 12.10.1970, p. 7.
[13] OJ L 157, 10.6.1992, p. 1.
[14] OJ L 8, 14.1.1999, p. 29.
[15] OJ L 169, 10.7.2000, p. 1.
[16] OJ L 127, 9.5.2001, p. 42.

(8) For the Community comparative trials and tests lasting more than one year the parts of the trials and tests following the first year should, on condition that the necessary appropriations are available, be authorised by the Commission without further reference to the Standing Committee on Seeds and Propagating Material for Agriculture, Horticulture and Forestry.

(9) The Standing Committee on Seeds and Propagating Material for Agriculture, Horticulture and Forestry has not delivered an opinion within the time limit laid down by its Chairman,

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

Article 1

1. Community comparative trials and tests shall be carried out from the year 2002 to 2003 on seeds and propagating material of the plants listed in the Annex.

2. The maximum cost for the trials and tests for 2002 shall be as set out in the Annex.

3. All Member States shall participate in the Community comparative trials and tests in so far as seeds and propagating material of the plants listed in the Annex are usually reproduced or marketed in their territories.

4. The details of the trials and tests are set out in the Annex.

Article 2

In the case of the assessment under Directive 2000/29/EC of seed potatoes each sample to be submitted to the laboratory tests shall have been previously coded by the body responsible for carrying out the trials and tests under the responsibility of the Commission services. In the case of samples confirmed to be contaminated by any of the relevant harmful organisms, the measures required under the Community Plant Health Regime shall be taken. This is without prejudice to the general conditions applicable to the examination of the annual reports on the confirmed results and conclusions of Community comparative trials and tests.

Article 3

The Commission may decide to continue the trials and tests set out in the Annex in 2003. The maximum cost of a trial or test continued on this basis shall not exceed the amount specified in the Annex.

Article 4

This Decision is addressed to the Member States.

Done at Brussels, 12 December 2001.

For the Commission

David BYRNE

Member of the Commission

ANNEX

Trials to be carried out in 2002

Species	Responsible body	Conditions to be assessed	Number of samples	Cost (euro)
Gramineae (*)	NAK Emmeloord (NL)	Varietal identity and purity (field) external seed quality (laboratory)	230	11 600
Zea mays	ENSE Milano (I)	Varietal identity and purity (field) external seed quality (laboratory)	80	14 400
Triticum aestivum (*)	DFE Merelbeke (B)	Varietal identity and purity (field) external seed quality (laboratory)	120	7 100
Solanum tuberosum	DGPC Oeiras (P)	Varietal identity and purity, Plant Health (field) Plant Health (ringrot/brown rot/ pstv) (laboratory)	250	51 900
Glycine max	ENSE Milano (I)	Varietal identity and purity (field)	50	8 000
Brassica napus (*)	NIAB Cambridge (UK)	Varietal identity and purity (field) external seed quality (laboratory)	120	25 600
Helianthus annuus	ETSI Madrid (E)	Varietal identity and purity (field) external seed quality (laboratory)	80	64 600
Hordeum vulgare Triticum aestivum Lolium Perenne Brassica napus Beta vulgaris	BFL Vienna (A)	External seed quality (laboratory) under Comm. Decision 98/320	300	22 300
Lycopersicon lycopersicum	ENSE Milano (I)	Varietal identity and purity (field) external seed quality (laboratory)	70	13 300
Allium ascalonicum (*)	NAKT Roelofarendsveen (NL)	Varietal identity and purity (field), Plant Helath (laboratory)	70	20 400
Vitis vinifera (*)	ISV Conegliano Veneto (I)	Varietal identity and purity (field), Plant Health (laboratory)	102	10 400
			Total cost	249 600

(*) Trial lasting more than one year.

Trials to be carried out in 2003

Species	Responsible Body	Conditions to be Assessed	Number of Samples	Cost (euro) (**)
Gramineae (*)	NAK Emmeloord (NL)	Varietal identity and purity (field) external seed quality (laboratory)	230	27 000
Triticum aestivum (*)	DFE Merelbeke (B)	Varietal identity and purity (field) external seed quality (laboratory)	120	16 700
Brassica napus (*)	NIAB Cambridge (UK)	Varietal identity and purity (field) external seed quality (laboratory)	120	11 000
Allium ascalonicum (*)	NAKT Roelofarendsveen (NL)	Varietal identity and purity (field) Plant Health (laboratory)	70	25 000
Vitis vinifera (*)	ISV Conegliano Veneto (I)	Varietal identity and purity (field) Plant Health (laboratory)	102	24 200
			Total cost	103 900

(*) Trial lasting more than one year.
(**) Estimated cost.