COMMISSION DECISION

of 5 September 2002

setting out the arrangements for Community comparative trials and tests on propagating material of ornamental plants under Council Directive 98/56/EC

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(Text with EEA relevance)

(2002/744/EC)

THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Community,

Having regard to Council Directive 98/56/EC of 20 July 1998 on the marketing of propagating material of ornamental plants [1], and in particular Article 14(2) and (4) thereof,

Whereas:

(1) Directive 98/56/EC provides for the necessary arrangements to be made by the Commission for Community comparative trials and tests of propagating material.

(2) Adequate representation 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 seeds of the plants concerned are usually reproduced or marketed in their territories, in order to ensure that proper conclusions may be drawn therefrom.

(4) The technical arrangements for the carrying out of the trials and tests have been made within the Standing Committee for Propagating Materials of Ornamental Plants.

(5) Community comparative trials and tests should be carried out from 2002 to 2005 on propagating material harvested in 2002, and the details of such trials and tests should also be set out.

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

(7) The measures provided for in this Decision are in accordance with the opinion of the Standing Committee on Propagating Material of Ornamental Plants,

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

Article 1

Community comparative trials and tests shall be carried out from 2002 to 2005 on propagating material of the plants listed in the Annex.

The maximum cost for the trials and tests for 2002 and 2003 shall be as set out in the Annex.

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

Article 2

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.

Article 3

Subject to budgetary availability, the Commission may decide to continue the trials and tests set out in the Annex in 2004 and 2005.

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, 5 September 2002.

For the Commission

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Member of the Commission

[1] OJ L 226, 13.8.1998, p. 16.

ANNEX

Trials and tests to be carried out in 2002

Species	Responsible body	Conditions to be assessed	Number of Samples	Cost (EUR)
Bulbs of flowers *(Narcissus)*	BKD Lisse (NL)	Varietal identity and purity (field) and plant health (laboratory)	80	42 800
			Total cost	42 800

Trials and tests to be carried out in 2003

Species	Responsible body	Conditions to be assessed	Number of samples	Cost (EUR)
Seed propagated ornamental plants *Petunia, Lobelia Lathirus*	NAKT Roelofarendsveen (NL)	Varietal identity and purity (field) External seed quality (laboratory)	80	37 000
Bulbs of flowers (*) *(Narcissus)*	BKD Lisse (NL)	Varietal identity and purity (field) and plant health (laboratory)	80	21 400
Ornamental plants (*) *Chamaecyparis Ligustrum vulgare Euphorbia fulgens*	NAKT Roelofarendsveen (NL)	Varietal identity and purity Plant health (field) Plant health (laboratory)	40 40 20	12 400
			Total cost	70 800

(*) Trial and tests lasting more than one year.

Trials and tests to be carried out in 2004

Species	Responsible body	Conditions to be assessed	Number of samples	Cost (EUR)
Ornamental plants (*) *Chamaecyparis Ligustrum vulgare Euphorbia fulgens*	NAKT Roelofarendsveen (NL)	Varietal identity and purity Plant health (field) Plant health (laboratory)	40 40 20	3 700 (**)
Bulbs of flowers (*) *(Narcissus)*	BKD Lisse (NL)	Varietal identity and purity (field) and plant health (laboratory)	80	21 400 (**)
			Total cost	25 100 (**)

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

Trials and tests to be carried out in 2005

Species	Responsible body	Conditions to be assessed	Number of samples	Cost (EUR)
Ornamental plants (*) *Chamaecyparis Ligustrum vulgare Euphorbia fulgens*	NAKT Roelofarendsveen (NL)	Varietal identity and purity Plant health (field) Plant health (laboratory)	40 40 20	33 600 (**)
			Total cost	33 600 (**)

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