# COMMISSION

## COMMISSION DECISION

**of 27 December 2004**

**setting out the arrangements for Community comparative trials and tests on seeds and propagating material of certain plants of agricultural and vegetable species and vine under Council Directives 66/401/EEC, 66/402/EEC, 68/193/EEC, 92/33/EEC, 2002/54/EC, 2002/55/EC, 2002/56/EC and 2002/57/EC for the years 2005 to 2009**

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**(Text with EEA relevance)**

(2005/5/EC)

THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Community,

Having regard to Council Directive 66/401/EEC of 14 June 1966 on the marketing of fodder plant seed [1], and in particular Article 20(3)(4) and (5) thereof,

Having regard to Council Directive 66/402/EEC of 14 June 1966 on the marketing of cereal seed [2], and in particular Article 20(3)(4) and (5) thereof,

Having regard to Council Directive 68/193/EEC of 9 April 1968 on the marketing of material for the vegetative propagation of the vine [3], and in particular Article 16(3)(4) and (5) thereof,

Having regard to Council Directive 92/33/EEC of 28 April 1992 on the marketing of vegetable propagating and planting material, other than seed [4], and in particular Article 20(4)(5) and (6) thereof,

Having regard to Council Directive 2002/54/EC of 13 June 2002 on the marketing of beet seed [5], and in particular Article 26(3)(4) and (5) thereof,

Having regard to Council Directive 2002/55/EC of 13 June 2002 on the marketing of vegetable seed [6], and in particular Article 43(3)(4) and (5) thereof,

Having regard to Council Directive 2002/56/EC of 13 June 2002 on the marketing of seed potatoes [7], and in particular Article 20(3)(4) and (5) thereof,

Having regard to Council Directive 2002/57/EC of 13 June 2002 on the marketing of seed of oil and fibre plants [8], and in particular Article 23(3)(4) and (5) thereof,

Whereas:

(1) Directives 66/401/EEC, 66/402/EEC, 68/193/EEC, 92/33/EEC, 2002/54/EC, 2002/55/EC, 2002/56/EC and 2002/57/EC provide for the necessary arrangements to be made by the Commission for Community comparative trials and tests of seed and propagating material.

(2) 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.

(3) A call for projects for the carrying out of those trials and tests was published on 21 June 2004 on the Internet site of the Community institutions [9].

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[1] OJ 125, 11.7.1966, p. 2298/66. Directive as last amended by Commission Directive 2004/55/EC (OJ L 114, 21.4.2004, p. 18).
[2] OJ 125, 11.7.1966, p. 2309/66. Directive as last amended by Directive 2003/61/EC (OJ L 165, 3.7.2003, p. 23).
[3] OJ L 93, 17.4.1968, p. 15. Directive as last amended by Regulation (EC) No 1829/2003 of the European Parliament and of the Council (OJ L 268, 18.10.2003, p. 1).
[4] OJ L 157, 10.6.1992, p. 1. Directive as last amended by Directive 2003/61/EC.
[5] OJ L 193, 20.7.2002, p. 12. Directive as last amended by Directive 2003/61/EC.
[6] OJ L 193, 20.7.2002, p. 33. Directive as last amended by Regulation (EC) No 1829/2003.
[7] OJ L 193, 20.7.2002, p. 60. Directive as last amended by Directive 2003/61/EC.
[8] OJ L 193, 20.7.2002, p. 74. Directive as last amended by Directive 2003/61/EC.
[9] http://europa.eu.int/comm/food/plant/call2004/index_en.htm.

(4) The proposals have been assessed according to the selection and awarding criteria set out in the call for projects. The projects, the bodies responsible for the carrying out of tests and the eligible costs as well as the maximum Community financial contribution corresponding to 80 % of the eligible costs should be established.

(5) Community comparative trials and tests should be carried out in the years 2005 to 2009 on seeds and propagating material harvested in 2004, and the details of such trials and tests, the eligible costs as well as the maximum Community financial contribution should also be set out yearly by an agreement signed by the authorising officer of the Commission and the body responsible for carrying out of trials.

(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 Seeds and Propagating Material for Agriculture, Horticulture and Forestry, on condition that the necessary appropriations are available.

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

(8) 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.

(9) The measures provided for in this decision are in accordance with the opinion of the Standing Committee on Seeds and Propagating Material for Agriculture, Horticulture and Forestry,

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

*Article 1*

Community comparative trials and tests shall be carried out in the years 2005 to 2009 on seeds and propagating material of the plants listed in the Annex.

The eligible costs as well as the maximum Community financial contribution for the trials and tests for 2005 shall be as set out in the Annex.

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

*Article 2*

In so far as propagating and planting material of the plants listed in the Annex is usually reproduced or marketed in their territories, the Member States shall take samples of this material and make them available to the Commission.

*Article 3*

Subject to budgetary availability, the Commission may decide to continue the trials and tests set out in the Annex in 2006 to 2009.

The maximum Community financial contribution corresponding to 80 % of the eligible costs 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, 27 December 2004.

*For the Commission*

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*Member of the Commission*

*ANNEX*

**Trials and tests to be carried out in 2005**

| Species | Responsible body | Conditions to be assessed | Number of samples | Eligible costs (EUR) | Maximum Community financial contribution (equivalent to 80 % of the eligible costs) (EUR) |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| *Beta vulgaris* (sugar beet) | NAK Emmeloord (NL) | Varietal identity and purity (field)<br>External seed quality (laboratory) | 100 | 21 413 | 17 130 |
| Fodder plants (*Agrostis* spp., *D. glomerata* L., *Festuca* spp., *Lolium* spp., *Phleum* spp., *Poa* spp.) including mixtures (*) | CLO Merelbeke (B) | Varietal identity and purity (field)<br>External seed quality (laboratory) | 250 | 23 467 | 18 774 |
| | NAK Emmeloord (NL) | Varietal identity and purity (field)<br>External seed quality (laboratory) | 250 | 19 941 | 15 953 |
| | NIAB Cambridge (UK) | Varietal identity and purity (field)<br>External seed quality (laboratory) | 250 | 27 381 | 21 904 |
| Vicia (*V. Faba, V. pannonica, V. sativa* and *V. villosa*) | NIAB Cambridge (UK) | Varietal identity and purity (field)<br>External seed quality (laboratory) | 60 | 16 716 | 13 373 |
| *Triticum durum* (durum wheat) | AGES Vienna (A) | Varietal identity and purity (field)<br>External seed quality (laboratory) | 60 | 17 578 | 14 062 |
| *Zea mays* | OMMI Budapest (HU) | Varietal identity and purity (field)<br>External seed quality (laboratory) | 100 | 15 763 | 12 611 |
| Potato | ENSE Milano (I) | Varietal identity and purity<br>Plant health (field) Plant health (ringrot/brown rot/pstv) (laboratory) | 300 | 89 773 | 71 818 |
| *Linum usitatissimum* | NAK Emmeloord (NL) | Varietal identity and purity (field)<br>External seed quality (laboratory) | 100 | 19 660 | 15 728 |
| | UKSUP Bratislava (SK) | Varietal identity and purity (field)<br>External seed quality (laboratory) | 100 | 23 746 | 18 997 |
| Vegetables (*Cichorium endivia* L. — endive, *Lactuca sativa* L. — lettuce and *Petroselinum crispum* (Miller) Nyman ex A. W. Hill-parsley) | GNIS-SOC Paris (F) | Varietal identity and purity (field)<br>External seed quality (laboratory) | 100 | 36 806 | 29 445 |

| Species | Responsible body | Conditions to be assessed | Number of samples | Eligible costs (EUR) | Maximum Community financial contribution (equivalent to 80 % of the eligible costs) (EUR) |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| *Capsicum annuum* | OMMI Budapest (HU) | Varietal identity and purity (field)<br>External seed quality (laboratory) | 80 | 31 676 | 25 340 |
| *Asparagus officinalis* (*) | BSA Hannover (D) | Varietal identity and purity (field)<br>External seed quality (laboratory) | 100 | 36 227 | 28 982 |
| *Vitis vinifera* | ENTAV Le Grau du Roi (F) | Varietal identity and purity (field)<br>Plant health (field)<br>Plant health (laboratory) | 150 | 47 700 | 38 160 |
| | ISV Conegliano (I) | Varietal identity and purity (field)<br>Plant health (field)<br>Plant health (laboratory) | 150 | 37 545 | 30 036 |
| | | | TOTAL COST | 372 313 | |

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

**Trials and tests to be carried out in 2006**

| Species | Responsible body | Conditions to be assessed | Number of samples | Eligible costs (EUR) | Maximum Community financial contribution (equivalent to 80 % of the eligible costs) (EUR) |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Fodder plants (*Agrostis* spp., *D. glomerata* L., *Festuca* pp., *Lolium* spp., *Phleum* spp., *Poa* spp.) including mixtures (*) | CLO Merelbeke (B) | Varietal identity and purity (field)<br>External seed quality (laboratory) | 250 | 23 905 | 19 124 |
| | NAK Emmeloord (NL) | Varietal identity and purity (field)<br>External seed quality (laboratory) | 250 | 15 145 | 12 116 |
| | NIAB Cambridge (UK) | Varietal identity and purity (field)<br>External seed quality (laboratory) | 250 | 27 382 | 21 906 |
| *Asparagus officinalis* (*) | BSA Hannover (D) | Varietal identity and purity (field)<br>External seed quality (laboratory) | 100 | 36 227 | 28 982 |
| | | | TOTAL COST | 82 128 | |

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

**Trials and tests to be carried out in 2007**

| Species | Responsible body | Conditions to be assessed | Number of samples | Eligible costs (EUR) | Maximum Community financial contribution (equivalent to 80 % of the eligible costs) (EUR) |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| *Asparagus officinalis* (*) | BSA Hannover (D) | Varietal identity and purity (field)<br>External seed quality (laboratory) | 100 | 36 227 | 28 982 |
| | | | TOTAL COST | 28 982 | |

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

**Trials and tests to be carried out in 2008**

| Species | Responsible body | Conditions to be assessed | Number of samples | Eligible costs (EUR) | Maximum Community financial contribution (equivalent to 80 % of the eligible costs) (EUR) |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| *Asparagus officinalis* (*) | BSA Hannover (D) | Varietal identity and purity (field)<br>External seed quality (laboratory) | 100 | 36 227 | 28 982 |
| | | | TOTAL COST | 28 982 | |

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

**Trials and tests to be carried out in 2009**

| Species | Responsible body | Conditions to be assessed | Number of samples | Eligible costs (EUR) | Maximum Community financial contribution (equivalent to 80 % of the eligible costs) (EUR) |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| *Asparagus officinalis* (*) | BSA Hannover (D) | Varietal identity and purity (field)<br>External seed quality (laboratory) | 100 | 36 227 | 28 982 |
| | | | TOTAL COST | 28 982 | |

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