



EUROPEAN COMMISSION
DIRECTORATE-GENERAL FOR HEALTH AND FOOD SAFETY

Crisis management in food, animals and plants
Director

Ref. Ares(2018)3163453 - 15/06/2018

Brussels,
SANTE.G1/FM/ng (2018)3380161

Your Excellency,

Subject: Call for selection and designation of five European Union Reference Laboratories for plant pests

Following the question addressed to the Commission in reference to the above call sent to you on 05 June 2018 (ref. Ares(2018) 2922802), the Commission received the question below (ref. Ares(2018)2985148) :

Considering the COMMISSION DELEGATED REGULATION (EU) 2018/631 and the Annex II (Terms of reference) sent attached in the email of the 5th of June, I understand that the call is for 5EURL (1 for insects and mites ; other for nematodes ; other for bacteria ; other for fungi and oomycetes ; and other for virus, viroids and phytoplasmas) for the category Plant pests to be listed as Union quarantine pests pursuant to Article 5 of Regulation (EU) 2016/2031 (most of them currently listed in Annex I, Part A, of Directive 2000/29/EC) pursuant with point 2.1 (scope) of Annex II (Terms of reference).

So, if this is correct and considering the sentence of Annex 2 "Each of the five EURLs will cover only one of the above-mentioned categories of plant pests, as provided in the Regulation 2018/595", later on you will give 2 more calls in order to establish and designate 5EURL for the 2 categories left, that are:

- plant pests not yet listed as Union quarantine pests, but are subject to the measures to be adopted pursuant to Article 30(1) of Regulation (EU) 2016/2031*
- on pests, other than the pests referred to in points 1 and 2, which might represent an emerging risk for the Union territory, and the entry or spread of those pests might have a significant impact for the Union agriculture or forests*

On the other hand if this approach is no correct, the 5 EURL will cover the 3 categories, no?

By e-mail to: Permanent Representations of all EU Member States
Chief Officers of Plant Health of all EU Member States

I hereby clarify that :

The call aimed to designate the five EURLs as provided in COMMISSION DELEGATED REGULATION (EU) 2018/631 for the following plants pests: one EURL for insects and mites; one EURL for nematodes; one EURL for bacteria; one EURL for fungi and oomycetes; and one EURLs for viruses, viroids and phytoplasmas. Each EURL shall only cover one of the five categories (i.e. no mix of categories, such as e.g. insects and nematodes, bacteria or phytoplasmas).

Each of the five EURLs shall cover the three plants pests categories, as described below:

- plant pests to be listed as Union quarantine pests pursuant to Article 5 of Regulation (EU) 2016/2031 (most of them currently listed in Annex I, Part A, of Directive 2000/29/EC);*
- plant pests not yet listed as Union quarantine pests, but are subject to the measures to be adopted pursuant to Article 30(1) of Regulation (EU) 2016/2031 (measures currently adopted pursuant to Article 16(3) of Directive 2000/29/EC);*
- pests, other than the above pests, which might represent an emerging risk for (a part of) the Union territory, and the entry or spread of those pests might have a significant impact for the Union agriculture or forests.*

If you require any further information, please contact the following e-mail address: SANTE-G1-PLANT-HEALTH@ec.europa.eu mentioning the subject as indicated above.

Yours sincerely,



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