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Revision of the Standard for Seed Potatoes

Proposal to revise the Standard for Seed Potatoes^{* *}

Submitted by the secretariat

The following document was prepared by the delegation from Finland. It contains a proposed new definition in the annex of the standard on minimum conditions to be satisfied in the production of Pre-basic TC seed potatoes. Proposed changes are highlighted. Delegations are invited to review and discuss the proposed revision in view of their approval.

This document is submitted according to ECE/CTCS/2017/10 section II c, ECE/CTCS/2018/2 section VII a, and A/74/6 (Sect.20), para 20.37; and Supplementary.

* Submitted on the above date to allow for finalization of proposed changes.

Annex

Minimum conditions to be satisfied in the production of Pre-basic TC seed potatoes

1. The parent material must be true-to-type for the variety.
 2. These seed potatoes must be produced from officially **approved** ~~certified~~ initial stock, which shall be free from, at least, the following pests:
 - Potato Spindle Tuber Viroid
 - ***Synchytrium endobioticum* (Schilb) Prc.**
 - *Clavibacter michiganensis* spp. *sepedonicus* (ring rot)
 - *Ralstonia solanacearum* (brown rot)
 - *Pectobacterium* spp. and *Dickeya* spp. (syn. *Erwinia* spp.)
 - Potato viruses X, Y, S, M and A
 - Potato Leaf Roll Virus
 3. The facilities and procedures used for this production must be subject to official approval by the CA. Measures must be applied to avoid contamination, e.g. protected environment, double door entry, protective clothing, dedicated footwear or disinfection. The record-keeping system should document the source of the material and the volume of production.
 4. The growing medium should be pest-free.
 5. All reasonable husbandry practices for the prevention or spread of pests and diseases must have been effectively carried out.
 6. The growing crop must have been kept free from **pests listed under item 2** ~~***Synchytrium endobioticum* (Schilb) Prc., potato viruses, bacterial diseases**~~ and from deviations of variety and type.
 7. The satisfaction of these conditions and the tolerances prescribed for this class in annexes II, III and IV shall be established by official inspection and/or testing.
 8. The satisfaction of the conditions under item 2 shall be established by appropriate tests for those pathogens known to occur in the country.
 9. Confirmation of variety purity or trueness-to-type may be dependent on inspection of the crop derived from the seed potatoes.
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