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Summary of responses to the consultation on The Marketing of Fruit Plant Propagating Material (England) Regulations 2016 and The Marketing of Fruit Plant Propagating Material (Wales) Regulations 2016

**Period of consultation: 30 September 2016 – 25
November 2016**

January 2017

1. Background

The consultation was issued on 30 September 2016 to seek views on proposed regulations which revoke and replace the Marketing of Fruit Plant Material Regulations 2010 and obtain better information about the impact of these new regulations. Their purpose is to implement new EU Directives introducing standards for the identity and quality of fruit propagating material. Defra consulted on behalf of Welsh Government although separate regulations for England and Wales will be made.

In order to achieve the main objective of the Commission Directives, which is to assure identity and quality of material sold to consumers and facilitate the single market by harmonising standards, the consultation proposed that implementing measures should be as simple and proportionate as possible with the minimum financial burden on the industry. Consultees were therefore invited to comment on the underlying approach to adapt the existing voluntary scheme managed by APHA and the Nuclear Stock Association with as little change as possible, including to costs.

3 responses were received to the England and Wales consultation by the closing date of 25 November 2016. Overall these responses were favourable. The organisations/individuals who responded to the consultation are listed in Annex A.

2. Summary analysis of responses

- 2 responses were favourable and supported the objectives of the Directive and the approach to implementation by adapting the current voluntary scheme.
- One respondent indicated a preference to retain a voluntary domestic scheme and not implement the EU Directives but did not set out his views in any more detail.

3. Conclusion

The responses to the consultation showed that stakeholders were, in the main, content with Defra's implementation proposals.

4. Further enquiries

If you would like to discuss this consultation with an Official please contact Andy Mitchell at:

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Annex A: Alphabetical list of respondents

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