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EXCHANGE OF INFORMATION ON CROP INSPECTION PRACTICES

Draft questionnaire submitted by the United Kingdom

The Specialized Section will discuss this draft questionnaire and decide on its use to collect information on national crop inspection practices.

SEED POTATO GROWING CROP INSPECTION SURVEY

Questionnaire

1. Who conducts the inspections?

- (a) Officials
- (b) Authorised inspection service
- (c) Authorized industry inspectors

2. Are all seed potato crops on a farm inspected?

- (a) Yes
- (b) No

If no, please explain.

3. How many inspections are conducted during the growing period?
At what stages of crop development?

4. How many plants are examined at each inspection?
Does this vary according to size of crop?
Does this vary according to size of field?

5. How do the inspectors pass through the crops to select plants for examination?

6. Visual assessments are confirmed by

- (a) Laboratory tests
- (b) Other tests

If other, please specify.

7. Roguing is allowed

- (a) Before inspection
- (b) Before and after inspection
- (c) After inspection

8. Inspection is conducted by

- (a) One inspector alone
- (b) Inspectors in pairs

9. Results of inspection are subject to checking by

- (a) Supervisory inspection
- (b) Post-control plots
- (c) Post-harvest tests

Please explain how such tests are carried out.

10. Are all non-seed potato crops on a seed farm inspected?

- (a) Yes
- (b) No

If yes, please explain how.