

**DATABASE
ON OECD APPROVED BASIC FOREST MATERIAL**

INTRODUCTION

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Content of the OECD List

The database relates to the basic forest materials eligible in the countries participating in the OECD Scheme for the production of reproductive materials under the four categories covered by the Scheme: "source-identified", "selected", "untested seed-orchard" and "tested" (*Tables 1 to 4 respectively*).

The information made available comes from the document "Summary OECD List of Approved Basic Forest Material" [AGR/CA/F(2004)5] initially circulated on 1st April 2004 to the National Designated Authorities, updating the provisional list distributed as a Room Document during the Biennial Meeting held in October 2002.

Country tables for 21 of the participants in the OECD Scheme are presented:

Austria, Belgium, Canada, Denmark, France, Germany, Hungary, Ireland, Italy, Madagascar, Netherlands, Norway, Portugal, Romania, Rwanda, Slovakia, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, Turkey, United States.

In addition **Greece**, a non participating country which regularly provides national statistics on forest seed, is included for information. The list does not contain tables for **Finland** which is not yet implementing the Scheme.

Transition between the current Scheme and the draft revision

The current state of affairs with the 1974 OECD Scheme still in force on the one hand, and the draft revision of the Scheme under discussion on the other, makes it difficult to synthesise some of the available data. In effect the draft revised Scheme has already been adopted by several countries, applying the more appropriate classification for basic material and different categories for improved reproductive material. This is reflected in the information submitted with some countries classifying data according to the draft revised Scheme; others following the current Scheme; and yet others indicating changes to be made as soon as the new Scheme is adopted.

New EC Directive

The European Union countries have revised their national law on the marketing of forest reproductive material in order to comply with the new Directive 1999/105/EC which came into force as of 1st January 2003, and is being more or less progressively implemented. For some countries, this has provided the opportunity to tidy up their national list, better define all eligible basic material and/or reorganise the regions of provenance. The following changes were expected: increase in the list of species; expansion of the "source-identified" category; a shift of most seed orchards from the "selected" category to the "qualified" category.

In most cases, the implementation of the new EC Directive takes into account the technical requirements of the draft new OECD Scheme on the certification of forest reproductive material: the EC and OECD texts were prepared in parallel, with careful attention to consistency.

National Tables

Data sources are given at the bottom of the tables: country lists published and/or accessible on-line, emails exchanged, older documents available through the Secretariat, etc. The data provided are sometimes restricted to selected seed stands. The most recent updating is mentioned at the top of each national list.

The texts which accompany the tables give additional information, including on regions of provenance. The number of regions of provenance and their area of national territory vary from one country to another:

- The entire country is considered as a single region of provenance (ex. Denmark, Netherlands...);
- The national territory is divided into several regions of provenance identical for all species (ex. Belgium, Madagascar...);
- Each species has its own regions of provenance that can overlap with other species (ex. France, Germany, Hungary...);
- Or a combination of systems (Slovakia...).

Notes:

- *Unless otherwise indicated, “0” means that at least one stand was reported for the species concerned but with a total area under 0.5 ha.*
- *For the source-identified category, some countries do not provide stand areas. In this case, “-“ indicates that source-identified material exists for this species, but the corresponding data is unknown.*