



ESCAA

European Seed Certification Agencies Association

Discussion on Post controls results

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Continuing Exchange of results of post controls on varietal identity at EU level

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Working Group composed of : **France**, Austria, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, Poland, the Netherlands

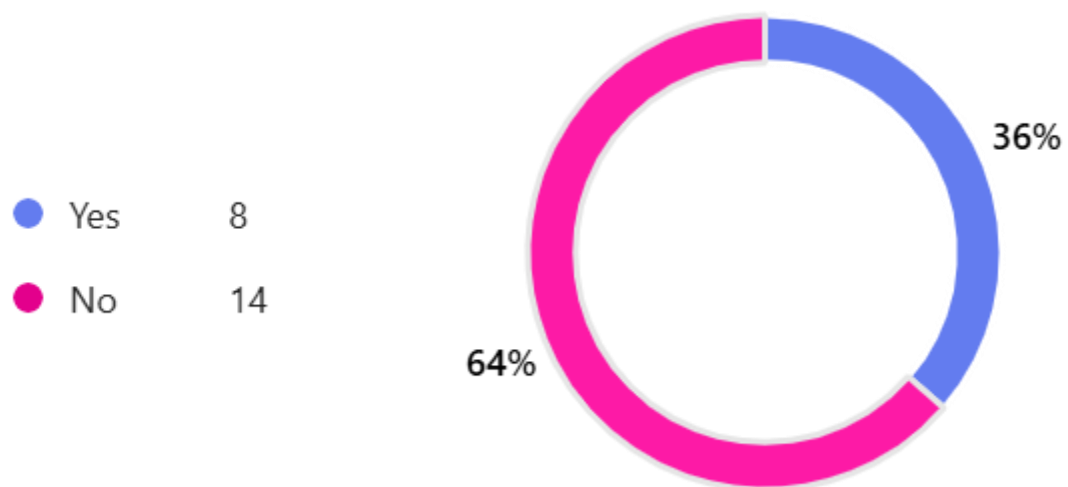
Questionnaire sent to ESCAA members in April 2025:

22 answers received



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Do you use the term "pre-control" in your seed certification procedures ?



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If yes, is the term "pre-control" applied to controls of varietal and identity purity to categories of seed to be further multiplied (e.g. pre-basic, basic seeds) ?

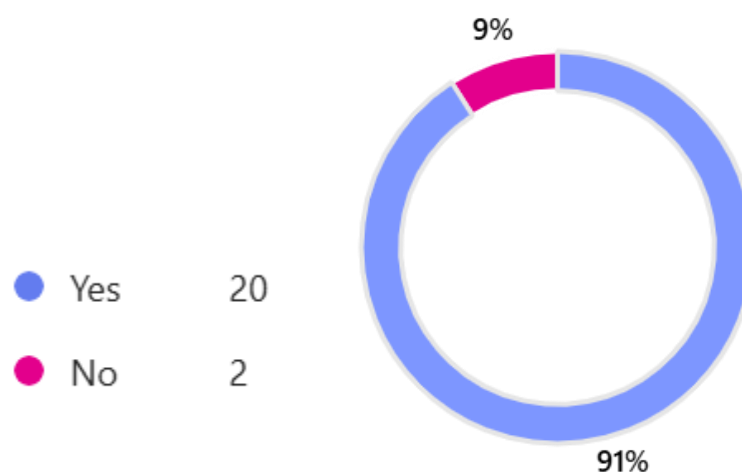
For 7 out of the 8 respondents,
"pre-control« = categories of seed to be further multiplied

For 1 respondent :
"pre-control" = only for OECD certification. For EU certification they use the term "control field test".



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Do you use the term "post-control" in your seed certification procedures ?



One respondent specified they don't carry out post control on the final authorized generation of seed

Terms "pre-evaluation" and "post-evaluation" used for varietal identity and varietal purity

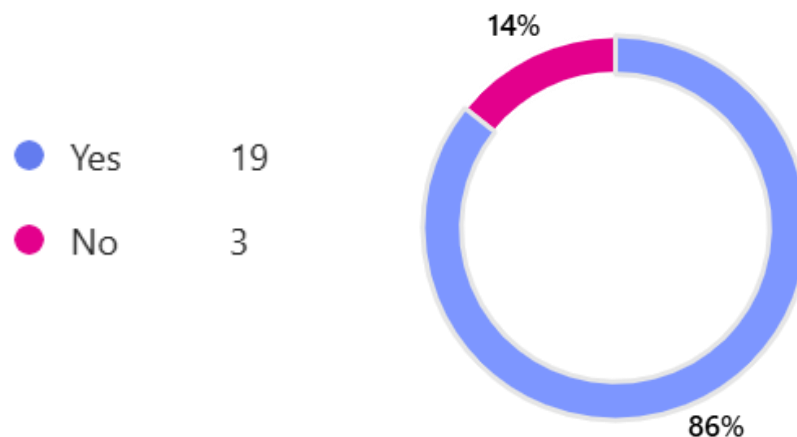
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2 Terms "control field test" used,
"post-controls" used only for OECD certification



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Do you have computerized data on results of pre and post controls ?



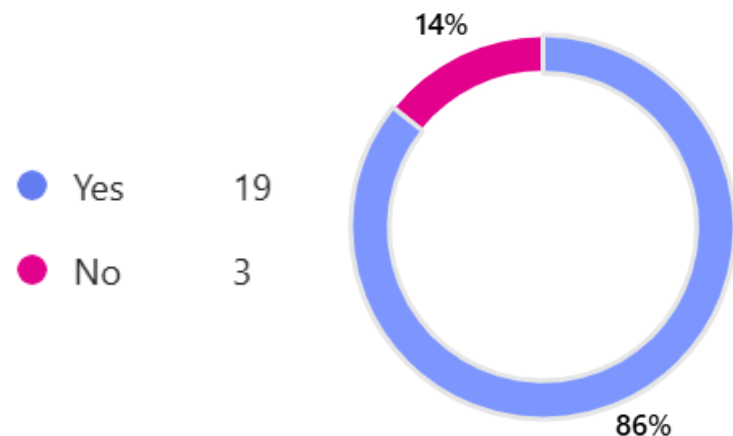
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Data in excel file
Records kept but not computerized
Data on paper



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Would you like to build a common database to gather results of post and pre-controls for ESCAA members ?



Do not see ESCAA as the host of such a database. These data might be of highly sensitive nature and should be restricted to competent authorities only

Protection of customer information

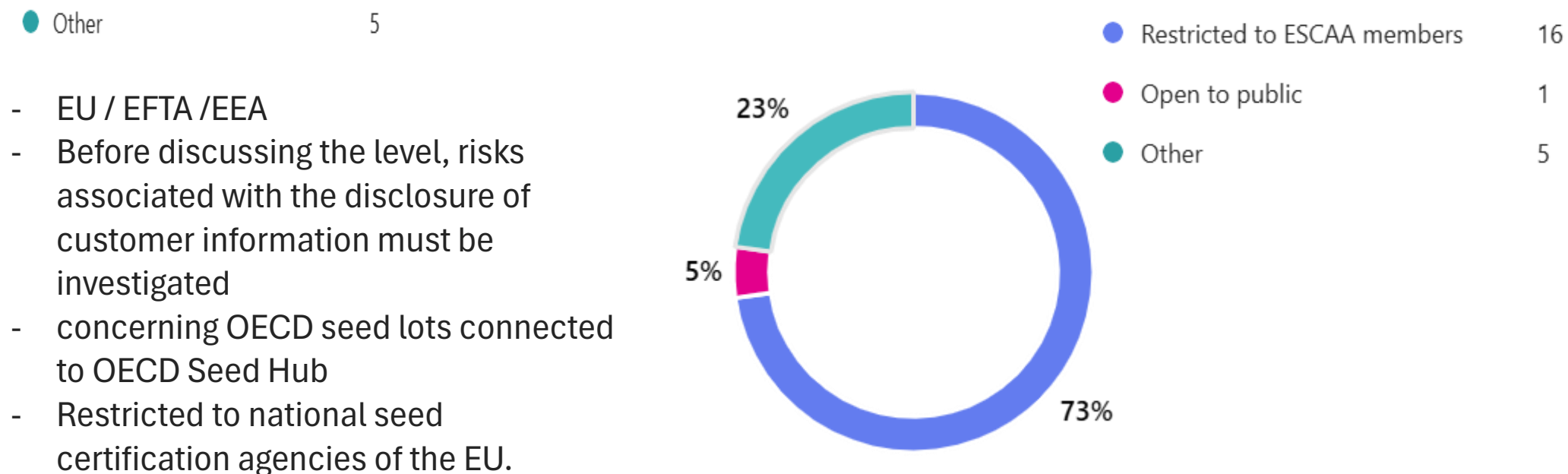
Cause additional administrative burden with not much value

● No



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If a common database to gather results of post and pre-controls for ESCAA members would be built, this database should be :



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Any other comment or suggestions ?

- “we have computerized data on post-controls. However, it is currently unclear whether we would be able to submit this data to the new system, as it would depend on which specific data would be required”
- “To have the data aggregated by species, in order to know the success rate and problems that may occur per species.”
- “Before asking if there is a wish to create a common database there should be awareness who will take over the (maintenance) cost for this database.”
- “we see the need for a common database, but we see many difficulties in creating it, especially the way it is financed”
- “further discuss the scope of a common database”.

Time for discussion ...



