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**SUMMARY REPORT**

**A.01 Evaluation of recent import interceptions with harmful organisms by Member States and the need for further action.**

Postponed.

**A.02 Evaluation of recent outbreaks of harmful organisms notified by Member States and of the control actions taken.**

Postponed.

**A.03 EFSA newsletters on horizon scanning for new and emerging plant health risks and ranking of pests identified by media monitoring.**

EFSA presented the 28th edition of the media monitoring newsletter. Main highlights from the media were reported on *Bactrocera dorsalis*, *Nipaecoccus viridis*, *Resseliella maxima*, *Spodoptera frugiperda*, Tomato brown rugose fruit virus (ToBRFV) and *Xylella fastidiosa* in relation to their distribution and the actions taken for their control.

The 6th pilot edition of the literature monitoring newsletter was presented focusing on the first findings of pests, changes in host range and new control methods reported by scientific literature, related to approximately 28 regulated and non-regulated harmful organisms.

The outcome of the first ranking exercise of non-regulated harmful organisms identified during the media scanning has been produced and presented by EFSA. The methodology, presented to Member States in a previous meeting, was developed further based on the comments received.

The ranking tool aims at being versatile and quick. Its purpose is to facilitate decisions on potential future actions for the non-regulated harmful organisms identified during the media and literature scanning.

45 non-regulated harmful organisms have been identified in the past two years during the media scanning and ranked. The outcome and potential actions will be further elaborated in a forthcoming meeting.

**A.04 Presentation by EFSA on their support to Member States on plant pests surveillance.**

EFSA presented the state of play of its work on the mandate from the Commission for support to Member States on plant health surveillance. Twelve pest survey cards, including the one for *Xylella fastidiosa*, have been published and are also available on a dedicated web space on EFSA's website. The full batch of the 50 cards included in the mandate will be published by March 2020. Work is on-going on the development of a guidance for statistically-based surveillance: a general document and 3 specific guidelines for the pilot pests *Xylella fastidiosa*, *Agrius planipennis* and *Phyllosticta citricarpa*. EFSA's assistance on this important issue was appreciated by Member States and Commission. Further exchange of views in the Committee will be held upon publication of the rest of the scientific outputs.

**A.05 Information by the Commission of the outcome of the meeting of the EU-US Plant Health Technical Working Group of 20-21 May 2019.**

Postponed.

**A.06 Exchange of views on measures to prevent the introduction into and the spread within the Union of Rose Rosette virus (emmaravirus) and its vector *Phyllocoptes fructiphilus* (eriophyoid mite).**

A first discussion on the need of emergency measures against this virus which is not known to be present within the Union took place. Specific import requirement and surveillance of the EU territory is considered. A further discussion on the basis of a draft Decision will be organised in a forthcoming Committee meeting. The UK announced that national measures against Rose Rosette Virus will be introduced at short term.

**A.07 Exchange of views on a derogation from certain provisions of Council Directive 2000/29/EC in respect of naturally or artificially dwarfed plants of *Pinus thumbergii* and *Pinus parviflora*, originating in Japan.**

Postponed.

**A.08 Results of the Commission Working Group meeting on reduced frequency of import inspections on 27 June 2019, followed by an exchange of views and possible approval of the minimum reduced frequencies.**

Postponed.

**A.09 Exchange of views for the preparation of a Commission Implementing Regulation on the format of a poster with information to be provided to travellers and clients of postal services concerning the import restrictions of Regulation (EU) 2016/2031.**

The Commission informed that a draft Regulation with the text and format of a poster for travellers in Annex will be prepared for discussion and vote in autumn. The text and format of the poster was discussed in the Expert Group for Awareness Raising in Plant Health on 9 July 2019.

**B.01 Exchange of views and possible opinion of the Committee on a draft Commission Implementing Decision on emergency action against a plant pest in the Union and third countries.**

No item raised.

**B.02 Exchange of views and possible opinion of the Committee on a draft Commission Implementing Decision as regards measures to prevent the introduction into and the spread within the Union of Tomato brown rugose fruit virus (ToBRFV).**

Emergency measures against ToBRFV, known to be present in some third countries and found in a few places so far in the Union were discussed. This concerned measures to prohibit the introduction and spread of ToBRFV in the EU, to organize surveys in the EU territory, to restrict the movement of susceptible material within the EU and to impose import requirement on the same material originating in third countries. The vote was postponed to the forthcoming Committee meeting.

**Vote Postponed**

**B.03 Exchange of views and possible opinion of the Committee on a draft Commission Implementing Decision amending Commission Implementing Decision (EU) 2018/638 as regards emergency measures to prevent the introduction into and the spread within the Union of *Spodoptera frugiperda* (Smith).**

The Commission presented a draft Decision to amend the current emergency measures for *Spodoptera frugiperda* with the aim to vote at forthcoming Committee meeting.

**Vote Postponed**

**B.04 Exchange of views and possible opinion of the Committee on a draft Commission Implementing Decision authorising Member States to provide for derogations from certain provisions of Council Directive 2000/29/EC in respect of potatoes, other than potatoes intended for planting, originating in the regions of Akkar and Bekaa of Lebanon.**

The Commission presented a draft Decision to provide for a derogation for the import of potatoes from the regions of Akka and Bekaa of Lebanon and informed that the aim is to present a draft for vote at the forthcoming Committee meeting.

**Vote Postponed**

**B.05 Exchange of views and possible opinion of the Committee on a draft Commission Implementing Regulation laying down implementing measures for the Rapid alert system for food and feed, and the rules as regards the computerised information system for notifying and reporting on listed animal diseases, the notification of the presence of, and protective measures taken against, plant pests, administrative assistance and cooperation between Member States' authorities, and the functioning of the information management system for official controls ('the IMSOC Regulation').**

The draft IMSOC Regulation was presented for vote.

The Commission distributed a revised draft text, taking into account the comments received, and presented those changes in detail.

One Member State asked for clarifications on two definitions of the draft, namely on “contact point” and “network member”. For the latter, suggestion was made to add the notion of “single authority” (specific to the Plant Health area) to “a Member State’ competent authority”.

The Commission confirmed that a contact point and a network member can be the same entity and clarified that according to the Official Controls Regulation (OCR), “competent authorities” means certain authorities performing certain official control tasks or certain tasks related to official activities and the “single authority” is also a competent authority according to the OCR, competent for a specific purpose. Therefore, adding “single authority” would not bring clarity to the text.

**Vote taken:** Favourable opinion.

**C.01 Exchange of views of the Committee on a draft Commission Implementing Regulation establishing uniform conditions for the implementation of Regulation (EU) 2016/2031 of the European Parliament and the Council, as regards protective measures against pests of plants, and repealing Commission Regulation (EC) No 690/2008 and Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2018/2019.**

The discussion on the above mentioned draft main text and Annexes of the future Regulation continued, with revision of several aspects. Detailed discussion followed in connection to certain Annexes related in particular to Regulated Non-Quarantine Pests. The Commission noted the comments and invited the Member States to communicate in writing any issues that are still outstanding by Monday, July 14th.

**C.02 Exchange of views of the Committee on a draft Commission Implementing Directive amending Council Directives 66/402/EEC, 68/193/EC, 2002/56/EC and 2002/57, and Commission Directives 93/49/EEC, 93/61/EEC, 2014/21/EU and 2014/98/EU concerning the rules against the presence of regulated non-quarantine pests on seeds and other plant reproductive material.**

The structure of the text and its complementarity with the draft Regulation under point C.01 was explained.

**C.03 Exchange of views of the Committee on a draft Commission Implementing Decision establishing measures to prevent the introduction into and the spread within the Union of *Fusarium circinatum* Nirenberg & O’Donnell (formerly called *Gibberella circinata*) and repealing Commission Decision 2007/433/EC.**

Postponed.