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**SUMMARY REPORT**

**A.01 Evaluation of recent import non-compliances notified by Member States and the actions taken.**

The Commission presented the non-compliances due to the presence of pests for the period between 18 October and 6 November 2022. In non-EU trade the Commission highlighted the non-compliances due to (i) Tomato Brown Rugose Fruit Virus on seeds of tomatoes from India, China, (ii) *Thaumatotibia leucotreta* on cut flowers of *Rosa* from Uganda, and on oranges from South Africa; and (iii) *Phyllosticta citricarpa* on oranges from South Africa, Argentina and Zimbabwe.

The Commission also noted the non-compliances due to (i) *Bactrocera* on *Capsicum frutescens* from Thailand; (ii) *Elsinoe* on *Citrus latifolia* from Brazil; (iii) *Tephritidae* on *Mangifera indica* from Brazil and on *Benincasa fistulosa* from India; (iv) *Xanthomonas citri* pv *citri* on *Citrus latifolia* from Brazil and Vietnam; (v) *Zeugodacus cucurbitae* on *Momordica*, and on *Luffa acutangula* from Uganda; (vi) *Thrips palmi* on *Solanum melongena* from Suriname; (vii) *Scirtothrips* on *Solanum aethiopicum* from Egypt; (viii) *Spodoptera* on *Solanum aethiopicum* from Senegal; (ix) *Dacus* on *Luffa acutangula* and *Momordica charantia* from Uganda (x) *Cerambycidae* on *Bambusa* from India; (xi) *Xylosandrus crassiusculus* on logs of *Juglans nigra* from United States; (xii) *Cerambycidae* on WPM from China; and (xiii) *Sinoxylon* on WPM from India.

A Member State highlighted the non-compliances of *Momordica* from Uganda for reasons other than being a prohibited commodity under Regulation (EU) 2018/2019 on high-risk plants with a view to look further into those non-compliances.

The Commission also presented the evolution of third countries non-compliances due to pests since the beginning of 2022 and until 31 October 2022. China, Israel, Kenya, India, Thailand, Uganda, Senegal, South Africa, Mexico, Cameroon, Argentina, Cote D'Ivoire, Burkina Faso, Lao People's Democratic Republic, Ethiopia, Egypt, Colombia, Dominican Republic, Sri Lanka, Mali, Belarus, Suriname, Cambodia, United Kingdom, Togo, Malaysia, People's Republic of Congo, Morocco, Japan and United Republic of Tanzania were the countries with more than 10 non-compliances due to pests, by order of number of non-compliances.

The Commission and the Member States discussed the increased number of non-compliances due to *Pylosticta citricarpa* as well as the state of play with the verification of compliance of oranges with the new requirements for *Thaumatotibia leucotreta*. It was agreed that the issues will be discussed further at the evaluation of the 2022 citrus import season.

In EU trade the Commission highlighted the non-compliances due to (i) *Bemisia tabaci* on seedlings of *Euphorbia pulcherrima* from Germany and the Netherlands and due to (ii) *Globodera pallida* on ware potatoes from Spain.

The Commission presented an update of the follow-up actions as regards the non-compliances due to (i) *Thaumatotibia leucotreta* on cut flowers from Ethiopia, and (ii) Tomato Brown Rugose Fruit Virus from Guatemala and Chile, and an update to the audit programme.

The Committee agreed to continue with the procedure of follow-up actions by means of written communication and meetings and to monitor closely the evolution of those non-compliances.

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

The Commission presented the overview of the outbreaks notified by the Member States in the period from 17 October to 2 November 2022.

Denmark has reported the first finding of the *Scirtothrips dorsalis* in a plant grown indoors. The source of the infestation is currently unknown. Eradication measures have been taken.

France provided information related to the first finding in its territory of *Pityophthorus juglandis*. The finding is a result of official surveys. Further investigation is under way. Additionally, France gave an overview of the captures in traps of *Bactrocera dorsalis* and *Bactrocera zonata*. These findings are considered incursions as they are found close to areas where fruits are either imported or sold and no larvae have been found.

Lithuania reported the first finding of *Meloidogyne chitwoodi* in a field where grasses were grown. The finding is a result of official surveys. Eradication measures are taken, covering the following 4 years. Surveys will be intensified.

#### **A.03 EFSA newsletter on horizon scanning for new pests; EPPO monthly reporting service on pests.**

The Commission presented highlights from EPPO's reporting service of October 2022.

#### **A.04 Exchange of views on possible temporary measures against *Xanthomonas citri* pv *citri* for the import of citrus fruits from Brazil.**

The Commission discussed with Member States the next steps regarding the non-compliances due to the presence of *Xanthomonas citri* pv *citri* on *Citrus latifolia* from Brazil.

It was agreed to request Brazil to reinforce their export certification system and to verify its implementation with an audit, while following closely the evolutions in trade.

**A.05 Exchange of views on the possible delisting of ToRSV, TRSV and *Thekopsora minima* from the list of Union Quarantine pests and listing as RNQP.**

The Commission presented the overview of the Working Group's assessment of ToRSV, TRSV and *Thekopsora minima* for RNQP status. Some Member States mentioned their support for those pests to be regulated as RNQPs. The Commission invited the Member States to have internal discussions with the experts from the relevant sectors (fruits, seeds, ornamentals...) and send written comments by 25 November 2022.

**A.06 Exchange of views on the revision of Decision (EU) 2015/983 as regards measures against *Anoplophora glabripennis*.**

Postponed.

**A.07 Exchange of views on an amendment of Regulation (EU) 2020/1201 as regards the list of plants known to be susceptible to *Xylella fastidiosa* (Wells et al.).**

The Commission informed the Committee about updated draft amendment of the list of *Xylella* host plants known to be susceptible to *Xylella fastidiosa* (Wells et al.). Some suggestions for further improvement of the text were taken on board.

Spain, Portugal and Italy were invited to provide the Committee with presentations on the latest updates of *Xylella fastidiosa* in their territories.

- a) Spain: provided the Committee with an oral presentation on the current situation of the outbreaks in Comunidad Valenciana. During 2022, 17.024 samples have been taken and 258 positives have been detected within the demarcated area. A new municipality has been added to the 42 already existing, resulting in the enlargement of the demarcated area. The most affected host plant was *Prunus dulcis*, the subsp. present is the *multiplex*. *Xylella fastidiosa* has been confirmed in 1 *Neophilaenus campestris* and 8 *Philaenus spumarius*.
- b) Portugal: So far, as regards the Porto outbreak new findings of *Xylella fastidiosa* subsp. *fastidiosa* in citrus plants (*C. limon*, *C. sinensis*, *C. paradisi*, *C. reticulata*) have been found in Europhyt. The presence of *Xylella fastidiosa* in *Vitis* L. detected by a Portuguese lab has not been confirmed by EURL.

The finding of new infected plants of *Punus dulcis* resulted in two new outbreaks in nurseries in Coimbra and Lisbon. In both cases the infected plants were originated by local production of buds and imported rootstocks from EU Member States, the infected plants were immediately removed.

- c) Italy: A detailed presentation focused on the current situation of the outbreaks in the Apulia region. The current subspecies present in Apulia is *pauca* ST53. The average time to remove plants is currently confirmed within 20 days after the analysis results.

The Commission underlined the importance of the immediate plants' removal in the Member States concerned according to EU legislation.

**A.08 Exchange of views on regulating eradication and containment measures against *Popillia japonica*.**

The Commission presented a revised non-paper on the eradication and containment measures against *Popillia japonica*. Following the discussions held in the Committee,

the Commission will revise the text and Member States will be invited to provide comments, if any, within 2 weeks. The Commission will present a draft text in a further Standing Committee.

**A.09 Exchange of views on regulating containment measures against *Trioza erytreae*.**

The Commission reminded the Committee that the containment measures against *Trioza erytreae* were discussed in the Committee for the last time in January 2021, but they have been put on hold because the Member States with the pest in their territory decided to continue with the eradication approach. The Commission informed that Portugal has requested to shift to containment, as eradication is no longer possible. Member States were invited to provide comments within 10 days. The Commission will present a draft text in a further Standing Committee.

**A.10 Overview report of Commission audits to evaluate the situation and controls applied in response to the outbreaks of ToBRFV.**

The Commission presented an overview report on the situation and controls applied in response to the outbreaks of Tomato brown rugose fruit virus, based on the findings of audits performed in five Member States and on the information about outbreaks of and import controls related to the virus in the EU.

**A.11 Information on import-export issues between the EU and UK(GB).**

No issue raised.

**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 issue raised.

**B.02 Exchange of views and possible opinion of the Committee on a draft Commission Implementing Regulation on a derogation from Implementing Regulation (EU) 2019/2072 concerning the introduction into the Union of naturally or artificially dwarfed plants for planting of *Chamaecyparis* Spach, *Juniperus* L. and certain species of *Pinus* L., originating in the Republic of Korea, and repealing Decision 2002/499/EC.**

**Vote Postponed**

**B.03 Exchange of views and possible opinion of the Committee on a draft Commission Implementing Regulation establishing rules for the uniform application of frequency rates for identity checks and physical checks on consignments of plants, plant products and other objects introduced into the Union.**

The Commission presented a draft Implementing Regulation on the uniform application of the frequency rates of plant health checks at import. The Committee made a few suggestions to improve the text. After having introduced the final changes in the draft text, the Commission submitted the text for vote. The Committee agreed that the selection of consignments for physical checks, pursuant to Article 3(1)(b) of the voted text, may be based on the recommendations generated through national electronic

systems satisfying the requirements of Regulation (EU) 2019/1715 ('IMSOC Regulation'), namely of its Article 2(5).

**Vote taken:** Favourable opinion.

**C.01 Exchange of views of the Committee on a draft Commission Implementing Regulation amending Implementing Regulation (EU) 2018/2019 (high risk plants) to delist certain plants for planting of *Prunus domestica* and *Prunus cerasifera* from Ukraine.**

The Commission presented to the Committee a draft Implementing Regulation to delist certain plants for planting of *Prunus domestica* and *Prunus cerasifera* from Ukraine.

No comments.

**C.02 Exchange of views of the Committee on a draft Commission Implementing Regulation, amending Implementing Regulation (EU) 2018/2019 (high risk plants) to delist certain plants for planting of *Berberis thunbergii* and *Malus domestica* from Türkiye.**

The Commission presented to the Committee a draft Implementing Regulation to delist certain plants for planting of *Berberis thunbergii* and certain plants for planting of *Malus domestica* from Türkiye on condition of compliance with some specific additional requirements. Some comments were made by the Committee on the measures for certain pests of *Malus domestica*. The comments will be considered, and a new version of the text will be presented to the Committee in one of the upcoming meetings.

**C.03 Exchange of views of the Committee on a draft Commission Implementing Regulation establishing measures to prevent the establishment and spread within the Union territory of *Agrilus planipennis* Fairmaire.**

The Commission presented a revised non-paper on the eradication measures against *Agrilus planipennis* Fairmaire. Following the discussions held in the Committee, the Commission will revise the text. Member States are invited to provide comments, if any, within 2 weeks. The Commission will present a draft Implementing Regulation at one of the next Standing Committee meetings.

**M.01 Introduction of prohibited plants**

The Commission expressed concerns about the finding of the introduction of plants of *Petunia* and *Calibrachoa* into the EU from third countries from which introduction is prohibited, as the plants are listed in point 18 of Annex VI of Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2019/2072. The Commission asked Member States to investigate the reasons why these plants were allowed to enter the EU and ensure that the list of prohibitions is respected.