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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 an overview of non-compliances between 11 March and 17 April 2024. In non-EU trade the Commission highlighted the non-compliances due to (i) Tomato Brown Rugose Fruit Virus on tomato and pepper seeds from China, Ethiopia, Israel, Türkiye, Serbia and Thailand, (ii) *Spodoptera frugiperda* on *Eryngium* from Ecuador, and on *Capsicum chinense* from Suriname, (iii) *Thaumatococcus leucocotreta* on roses from Ethiopia, Kenya and Uganda, on peppers from Uganda, South Africa and Zimbabwe, on avocados from Cameroon and on *Rubus idaeus* from South Africa, (iv) *Bactrocera dorsalis* on mangoes from Cameroon and on peppers from Cambodia, (v) *Elsinoë* on *Citrus hystrix* from Indonesia and on *Citrus latifolia* from Brazil, (v) *Meloidogyne enterolobii* on *Ipomoea batatas* from Cameroon and United States, and (vi) *Ralstonia solanacearum* on ware potatoes from Egypt. In EU-trade, the Commission highlighted the non-compliances due to (i) *Candidatus* Phytoplasma pyri on plants of *Pyrus* from Italy and Greece, (ii) *Meloidogyne fallax* and *Meloidogyne chitwoodi* on seed potatoes from the Netherlands, (iii) Tomato leaf curl New Delhi virus on *Cucurbita pepo* var. *giromontiina* from Spain, and (iv) *Bursaphelenchus xylophilus* on *Pinus* sp. from Portugal. The Commission also presented an update on audits and on the follow-up actions to the non-compliances.

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 outbreak notifications received by the Member States.

France gave an overview of the evolution of the outbreaks of *Geosmithia morbida* and its vector *Pityophthorus juglandis*. Eradication measures are in place.

Italy provided information related to the outbreaks of *Xylella fastidiosa* subsp. *fastidiosa* and *Xylella fastidiosa* subsp. *multiplex*. Intensive surveys and eradication measures are in place.

Ireland informed on the first finding of Tomato brown rugose fruit virus in its territory.

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

Postponed.

A.04 Update of Regulation (EU) 2019/2072 as regards the import and internal movement requirements concerning *Anoplophora chinensis* and *A. glabripennis*.

The Committee discussed a possible update of the import and internal movement requirements for the Citrus and Asian longhorn beetles, in particular the levels for destructive sampling and the scope. The Commission gave a deadline of two weeks for written comments before launching its internal procedures.

A.05 Update of the measures to eradicate and prevent the spread within the Union of *Anoplophora chinensis* (Regulation (EU) 2022/2095).

The Committee discussed a possible update of the eradication and containment measures for the Citrus longhorn beetle. The Commission gave a deadline of two weeks for written comments before launching its internal procedures.

A.06 Renewal of the measures to eradicate and prevent the spread within the Union of *Anoplophora glabripennis*.

The Committee discussed a possible update of the eradication and containment measures for the Asian longhorn beetle, in particular the list of specified plants. The Commission gave a deadline of two weeks for written comments before launching its internal procedures.

A.07 Main findings of a Commission audit in Egypt to evaluate the official controls and certification of ware potatoes for export to the Union.

The Commission presented the main findings of the audit carried out from 22 January to 6 February 2024 in Egypt. The audit revealed that laboratory testing carried out for detection and identification of *Ralstonia solanacearum* (the causal agent of brown rot) does not follow the recent version of EPPO diagnostic protocol (PM7/21 (3)) with a risk of false negative results. In addition, legal requirements for pest-free production sites are not fully respected and the integrity of the ware potato consignments for export cannot be fully guaranteed due to unsealed packaging. Furthermore, findings of *R. solanacearum* in ware potato lots destined for export do not necessarily result in the prompt delisting of production areas.

A.08 Exchange of views on the revision of the measures against *Ralstonia solanacearum* on ware potatoes from Egypt (Decision 2011/787/EU).

The Commission presented a first draft text and discussed it with the Member States.

Member States were requested to provide written comments, if any, by 9 May.

A.09 Exchange of views on the update of the 4 potato control Regulations as regards the survey template (Regulations (EU) 2022/1192-1193-1194-1195).

The Commission presented draft revised tables for the survey templates in Annex to the four Regulations and discussed them with the Member States. Member States were requested to provide written comments, if any, by 31 May.

A.10 Exchange of views on possible internal movements measures for host plants of *Diaphorina citri*.

Postponed.

A.11 Exchange of views on a revision of Implementing Regulation (EU) 2019/2072 – package II.

The Commission discussed a new package of revisions of the Annexes to Implementing Regulation (EU) 2019/2072. Main revisions include the regulation of new pests as Union quarantine pests and import requirements related to those pests and revisions of CN codes. The Member States were invited to send comments within 3 weeks.

A.12 Exchange of views on the difficulties related to the use of IMSOC / TRACES for the implementation of the plant health official control requirements.

The Commission presented Member States comments on the difficulties encountered in using the TRACES and iRASFF systems and provided detailed responses. Given the technical nature of the questions, the Commission stated that written replies shall also be sent to Member States. In addition, it was decided that at the next Commission Working Group meeting, legislative and technical experts from the Member States would be invited to participate, together with experts from SANTE G1 and G4, for clarifying the future ways of working with both systems and resolving potential difficulties linked to their use.

A.13 Information on import-export issues between the EU and UK(GB).

No issues raised.

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

No items raised.

B.02 Exchange of views and possible technical vote of the Committee on a draft Commission Implementing Regulation amending Implementing Regulation (EU) 2019/2072 as regards the listing of pests and rules on the introduction into, and movement within, the Union territory of plants, plant products and other objects, and repealing Implementing Regulation (EU) 2022/1265.

The Commission presented the draft legal act and discussed it with the Member States. The revised act will be published for stakeholder consultation during the four weeks. Furthermore, it will be sent to WTO for a 60-day WTO-SPS consultation.

Vote Postponed

B.03 Exchange of views and possible technical vote of the Committee on a draft Commission Implementing Regulation on measures to prevent the establishment and spread within the Union territory and to eradicate *Pomacea* (Perry) and repealing Commission Implementing Decision 2012/697/EU.

The Commission presented a revised draft Commission Implementing Regulation to the Committee and explained that the text will be published for stakeholder consultation in the coming days and will be presented for vote in one of the forthcoming Committee meetings once the stakeholder consultation is completed.

Vote Postponed

B.04 Exchange of views and possible opinion of the Committee on a draft Commission Implementing Regulation amending Regulation (EU) 2020/1201 as regards the list of demarcated areas for the containment of *Xylella fastidiosa*.

The Commission presented a draft Commission Implementing Regulation to the Committee. No concerns were raised by the Committee.

Vote taken: Favourable opinion.

B.05 Exchange of views and possible opinion of the Committee on a draft Commission Implementing Regulation on equivalent requirements for the introduction into the Union of fruits of *Citrus sinensis* Pers., originating in Botswana in view of the risks posed by *Thaumatotibia leucotreta*.

Postponed.

Vote Postponed

B.06 Exchange of views and possible opinion of the Committee on a draft Commission Implementing Regulation amending Implementing Regulation (EU) 2018/2019 as regards certain plants for planting of *Prunus persica*, *Prunus dulcis*, *Prunus armeniaca* and *Prunus davidiana* originating in Türkiye and amending Implementing Regulation (EU) 2020/1213 as regards the phytosanitary measures for the introduction of those plants for planting into the Union territory.

The Commission presented to the Committee a draft Implementing Regulation.

No concerns were raised by the Committee.

Vote taken: Favourable opinion.

B.07 Exchange of views and possible opinion of the Committee on a draft Commission Implementing Regulation amending Implementing Regulation (EU) 2018/2019 as regards certain plants for planting of *Ligustrum ovalifolium* and *Ligustrum vulgare* originating in the United Kingdom and amending Implementing Regulation (EU) 2020/1213 as regards the phytosanitary measures for the introduction of those plants for planting into the Union territory.

The Commission presented to the Committee a draft Implementing Regulation.

No concerns were raised by the Committee.

Vote taken: Favourable opinion.

B.08 Exchange of views and possible opinion of the Committee on a draft Commission Implementing Regulation amending Implementing Regulation (EU) 2018/2019 as regards certain plants for planting of *Prunus* L. originating in Moldova.

The Commission presented to the Committee a draft Implementing Regulation.

Discussion took place to clarify the reasons for retaining *Erwinia amylovora* as a relevant pest for the *Prunus* L. commodities in the scientific opinion, and why import requirements are not necessary for *Xanthomonas arboricola* pv. *pruni*.

Vote taken: Favourable opinion.