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SUMMARY REPORT

A.01 Interceptions of *Phyllosticta citricarpa* on citrus fruit from Argentina

The Commission and Member States discussed the increasing CBS interceptions on lemons from the province of Tucuman in Argentina based on the relevant developments which included the letter from the Commission to Argentina on 17 June 2020, the videoconference between the Commission and Argentina on 29 June 2020 and the letter from Argentina on 1 July 2020 by which Argentina informed of a temporary self-ban of exports of lemons for 15 days to assess the situation.

Member States expressed great concern and questioned the effectiveness of the inspections carried out by Argentina. Certain Member States requested that immediate measures are taken while other Member States proposed to wait for the results of the investigations from Argentina before deciding on the relevant measures.

B.01 Exchange of views and possible technical 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.

M.01 Implementation of UK national measures against *Xylella fastidiosa* and *Ceratocystis platani*

Commission Decision (EU) 2020/758 requires the UK to withdraw its national measures against *Xylella* and plane canker at the latest by 20 June 2020. The Commission has not received information from the UK so far on the status of its national measures and indicated that it will request for clarification. As requested by the Commission, several Member States informed that no problems had recently been flagged up anymore concerning the movement of the relevant host plants to the UK, a part from one case whereby a consignment had been blocked before 20 June and would be still under investigation.

Member States were reminded to implement only the EU measures for EU-UK trade and to inform the Commission on cases of entry refusal in the UK.

M.02 Import interceptions of tomato seed from Israel

The Commission informed the Member States that it had organised a videoconference meeting with Israel to discuss the large number of import interceptions of tomato seed from Israel because of the presence of ToBRFV and search for urgent improvement. Apparently, Israel had been applying a less strict testing procedure in the past but has changed its procedure from 28 May onwards to the one that is also be included in the draft Commission Regulation that will be presented for vote shortly.

M.03 Notification of interceptions to non-EU countries via TRACES

Certain Member States expressed great concern about the change in the way non-EU countries are made aware of the interceptions, as with TRACES the country needs to actively and repeatedly search for their interceptions to stay updated. The Commission explained that this issue will be solved soon in collaboration with the TRACES team.