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**SUMMARY REPORT OF THE  
STANDING COMMITTEE ON PLANTS, ANIMALS, FOOD AND FEED  
HELD IN BRUSSELS ON 14 APRIL 2016 - 15 APRIL 2016  
(Section Plant Health)**

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**A.01 Overview of new outbreaks of harmful organisms notified by Member States.**

Postponed.

**A.02 Report of an audit carried out in France in 03–12 February 2016 in order to evaluate the control measures applied to *Xylella*, followed by an exchange of views.**

The Commission informed that eradication measures were currently being taken, with proper resources made available and good awareness raising. Shortcomings identified, particularly as regards movement of specified plants and monitoring activities within the demarcated areas, were discussed. The Committee was informed that the draft report was sent to the French Authorities for further comments before being published.

**A.03 Report of an audit carried out in Argentina in 15-26 February 2016 in order to evaluate the control measures applied to citrus black spot (CBS), followed by an exchange of views.**

The Commission presented the preliminary conclusions of the audit carried out in Argentina. On the basis of the outcome of the audit, the Committee agreed, for the 2016 import season, to maintain the current phytosanitary requirements for CBS established in the Directive 2000/29/EC. A close monitoring of the situation needs to be carried out.

**A.04 Presentation by the Commission of the proposed update of protected zones exposed to particular plant health risks and the related specific requirements on import or movement into the protected zones.**

Postponed.

**A.05 Presentation by the Commission of the reports of the Annex Working Group in relation to *Saperda candida* and *Chrysanthemum stunt viroid*.**

Postponed.

**A.06 Presentation by the Commission of the guidelines concerning the Commission Implementing Decision laying down the procedures for the submission of applications for grants and requests for payment, in respect of the emergency measures against plant pests referred to in Regulation (EU) No 652/2014 of the European Parliament and of the Council.**

A new version of the draft guidelines concerning the Commission Implementing Decision laying down the procedures for the submission of applications for grants and requests for payment, in respect of the emergency measures against plant pests referred to in Regulation (EU) No 652/2014 was presented. Amendments were made to the previous version due to a number of comments received by MSs by the deadline of 10th of March 2016.

**A.07 Presentation by Spain of the 2016 surveillance activities for the presence of *Epitrix* sp in its territory, followed by an exchange of views.**

The new surveillance plan from Spain provides for an increased surveillance activity in the non-demarcated areas where commercial potato production takes place. This plan was welcomed by Member States. A Commission audit on the implementation of the plan in June was announced.

**B.01 Exchange of views and possible opinion of the Committee on a draft Commission Implementing Decision amending Decision 2006/473/EC as regards the recognition of certain third countries and certain areas of third countries as being free from *Xanthomonas campestris* (all strains pathogenic to Citrus) and *Guignardia citricarpa* Kiely (all strains pathogenic to Citrus).**

This Decision would amend Decision 2006/473/EU updating the pest free areas of *Xanthomonas campestris* (all strains pathogenic to Citrus) and *Guignardia citricarpa* Kiely (all strains pathogenic to Citrus) in the United States. The text also removes Uruguay as a country free from *Guignardia citricarpa* Kiely (all strains pathogenic to Citrus).

**Vote taken:** Favourable opinion.

**B.02 Exchange of views and possible opinion of the Committee on a draft Commission Implementing Decision amending Implementing Decision 2012/756/EU as regards measures to prevent the introduction into and the spread within the Union of *Pseudomonas syringae* pv. *actinidiae* Takikawa, Serizawa, Ichikawa, Tsuyumu & Goto.**

This Decision would prolong the applicability of Decision 2012/756/EU until 2020 and introduces, at the request of some Member States, alternative options for measures in areas surrounding free places of production of kiwi plants.

**Vote taken:** Favourable opinion.

**B.03 Exchange of views and possible opinion of the Committee on a draft Commission Implementing Decision amending Commission Implementing Decision (EU) 2015/789 as regards measures to prevent the introduction into and the spread within the Union of *Xylella fastidiosa* (Wells et al.).**

The Decision would update some elements of the existing emergency provisions adopted in May 2015. In particular, it provides for an enlarged demarcated area in the Italian territory (Apulia region), taking into account recent developments and the fact that new outbreaks have been reported in the area surrounding the infected province of Lecce. New legal provisions have also been introduced for the introduction into and movement within the Union of *in vitro* planting material; import controls for specified plants coming from pest free countries and pest free areas have been lined up; movement restrictions of specified plants within the infected zone are released; the list of specified plants (Annex I) is updated taking into account recent findings.

**Vote taken:** Favourable opinion.

**B.04 Exchange of views and possible opinion of the Committee on a draft Commission Implementing Regulation amending Regulation (EC) No 690/2008 recognizing protected zones exposed to particular plant health risks in the Community.**

This Decision would amend Regulation (EC) No 690/2008 through an update of the Annex to the Regulation. In particular, the status of some areas recognized as protected zones in certain Member States is revoked and the recognition as protected zones of some other areas is extended, in some cases without specific time limitation. New protected zones are also recognized for *Globodera rostochiensis* (Wollenweber) Behrens, *Paysandisia archon* (Burmeister), *Rhynchophorus ferrugineus* (Olivier), *Thaumetopoea pityocampa* Denis & Schiffermüller, 'Candidatus Phytoplasma ulmi' and *Xanthomonas arboricola* pv. *pruni* (Smith) Vauterin *et al.*, and some new areas are added to already recognized protected zones, until 2020 when their status shall be reviewed.

**Vote taken:** Favourable opinion.

**B.05 Exchange of views and possible opinion of the Committee on a draft Commission Implementing Decision on the adoption of the work programme for the years 2017-2018 for the Union financial contribution for the survey programmes of the Member States for pests.**

The Decision would fix the priorities for surveillance on harmful organisms for 2017 and 2018, as well as the available budget.

**Vote taken:** Favourable opinion.

**B.06 Exchange of views and possible opinion of the Committee on a draft Commission Implementing Decision setting out measures in respect of certain citrus fruits originating in certain third countries to prevent the introduction into and the spread within the Union of *Phyllosticta citricarpa* (McAlpine) Van der Aa.**

The Commission presented its draft text for stricter measures against *Phyllosticta citricarpa* (McAlpine) Van der Aa for citrus fruit originating in Brazil, South Africa and Uruguay. In the cases of South Africa and Brazil the existing stricter requirements remain largely the same. Uruguay is added in the Decision due to the high number of interceptions in 2015. Concerning the import requirements of citrus fruit exclusively destined for processing into juice from the 3 countries concerned, some discussion took place and it was finally decided that field treatments, export inspection, import inspection, authorisation of processing companies limited to areas where no citrus is produced, transport and processing under official supervision, and specific requirements for the by-products and waste provide a reliable phytosanitary systems approach. Therefore, this option was maintained in the Decision.

**Vote taken:** Favourable opinion.