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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 17 March and 20 April 2023. In non-EU trade the Commission highlighted the non-compliances due to (i) Tomato Brown Rugose Fruit Virus on seeds of tomatoes from Türkiye, Tanzania, and Israel, and tomatoes and peppers from China, (ii) *Thaumatotibia leucotreta* on cut flowers of *Rosa* from Kenya, Uganda and Zambia, Ethiopia and Zimbabwe, and on *Psidium guajava* from Angola, (iii) *Spodoptera frugiperda* on cut flowers of *Rosa* from Zambia and *Eringium* from Zimbabwe, and on *Asparagus officinalis* from Peru, (iv) *Bactrocera dorsalis* on *Mangifera indica* from Cameroon, (v) *Meloidogyne enterolobii*, on *Portulacaria afra* from China, (vi) *Pseudocercospora angolensis* on *Psidium guajava* from Egypt, and (vii) *Ralstonia solanacearum* on ware potatoes from Egypt. Member States expressed concerns as regards non-compliances due to *Ralstonia solanacearum* and asked to be informed of the actions that are planned to be taken regarding the affected basins and the pest free status. The Commission explained that the Egyptian competent authorities were contacted to investigate the cause of the non-compliances and to modify accordingly the list of pest free areas. The Commission also informed the Committee of a number of non-compliances of other Union quarantine pests: *Thrips palmi*, *Spodoptera litura*, *Bactrocera*, *Bactrocera latifrons*, *Dacus ciliatus*, *Xanthomonas citri* pv *citri*, *Zeugodacus cucurbitae*, *Leucinodes orbonalis*, *Leucinodes pseudorbonalis* and *Spodoptera ornitogalli*.

The Commission also presented the evolution of third countries with more than 10 non-compliances due to pests from the last 12 months (from 1.4.2022 to 31.03.2023).

The Commission presented an update on audits and on the follow-up actions to the non-compliances due to (i) Tomato Brown Rugose fruit Virus on seeds originating in China, (ii) *Bursaphelenchus xylophilus* on wood packaging material from India, (iii) *Thrips palmi* on *Momordica charantia* from Mexico, and the response received by Malaysia regarding the non-compliances due to *Thrips palmi* and *Bactrocera*.

In EU trade the Commission highlighted the non-compliance due to *Meloidogyne enterolobii* on *Callistimon viminalis* originating in Italy, reported by the Netherlands.

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 that were notified from 17 March to 17 April 2023.

Belgium reported the finding of Chrysanthemum stem necrosis virus in a greenhouse, following survey activities. Official measures are in place.

The Netherlands gave a presentation regarding the outbreaks of *Meloidogyne enterolobii* in greenhouses and the measures taken to eradicate them. Italy reported the first finding of the same pest following the reports by the Netherlands. Official measures are in place together with trace back and forward activities.

Spain informed about the outbreak situation of *Fusarium circinatum*.

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

The Commission presented highlights from EFSA's newsletter on horizon scanning, issue of April 2023, and EPPO's reporting service of April 2023.

**A.04 Exchange of views on a possible prolongation of the measures as laid down in Regulations (EU) 2020/918, 2020/1002 and 2020/1164 in respect of measures for the introduction of ash wood from Canada and US.**

The Commission presented a draft text which was amended following the discussions during the Committee meeting in March and comments sent in writing afterwards.

The Commission announced its intention to proceed towards a vote as quickly as possible; Member States were asked to submit written comments, if any, within 10 days.

**A.05 Exchange of views on potential need for EU regulation for *Crisicoccus pini*, *Phenacoccus solenopsis* and *Xylotrechus chinensis*.**

Postponed.

**A.06 Exchange of views on the possible delisting of Sweet potato chlorotic stunt virus and Sweet potato mild mottle virus from the list of Union Quarantine pests.**

The Commission presented an overview of the assessment of Sweet potato chlorotic stunt virus and Sweet potato mild mottle virus for RNQP status, performed in a working group. Possible options for a change of status for the pests were discussed. The Commission requested Member States to submit written comments within 14 days.

**A.07 Exchange of views and conclusions concerning the justification for not carrying out surveys of priority pests.**

The Commission presented the justifications submitted by the Member States for not surveying some priority pests and the Committee discussed them. The Commission invited Member States to complete the information and send comments by 12 May. The

outcome will be presented in a forthcoming meeting, in order to have an overview and validation of the justifications by the Committee.

**A.08 Information on import-export issues between the EU and UK(GB).**

No item 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 item raised.

**B.02 Exchange of views and possible opinion of the Committee on a draft Commission Implementing Regulation establishing a derogation from Implementing Regulation (EU) 2019/2072 as regards the requirements for the introduction into the Union territory of oak logs with bark originating in the United States.**

The Commission presented to the Committee a draft Regulation establishing a derogation for introducing oak logs with bark from the United States under specific conditions.

**Vote taken:** Favourable opinion.

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

The Commission presented the draft Regulation to the Committee. As a result of the discussion with Member States, Annex XI of Implementing Regulation (EU) 2019/2072 is also amended due to the special requirements for *Asparagus officinalis* and a later date of application for those special requirements has been added, to allow all relevant stakeholders to adapt to the new import requirements.

**Vote taken:** Favourable opinion.

**B.04 Exchange of views and possible opinion of the Committee on a draft Commission Implementing Regulation establishing measures to prevent the introduction into and the spread within the Union of Tomato brown rugose fruit virus (ToBRFV) and repealing Commission Implementing Decision (EU) 2019/1615.**

The Commission presented to the Committee a draft Regulation establishing measures to prevent the introduction into and the spread within the Union of Tomato brown rugose fruit virus (ToBRFV).

**Vote taken:** Favourable opinion.

**B.05 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.**

The Commission presented the draft text and the Committee held an exchange of views. Member States were invited to submit written comments, if any, within 1 week.

**Vote taken:** Favourable opinion.

**B.06 Exchange of views and possible opinion of the Committee on a draft Commission Implementing Regulation establishing a derogation from Implementing Regulation (EU) 2019/2072 as regards the introduction into the Union territory of tubers of *Solanum tuberosum* L., other than those intended for planting, originating in certain regions of Lebanon.**

**Vote Postponed**

**M.01 List of host plants of *Xylella fastidiosa***

The Commission informed that the internal procedures have now been completed and presented the final list of host plants and specified plants that will be shared with third countries for 60 days SPS consultation and stakeholders for 4 weeks consultation in the better regulation portal, before the text can be officially voted.