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Assunto: **PINE WOOD NEMATODE- MADEIRA ISLAND**

Dear Dana

The Pine Wood Nematode - *Bursaphelenchus xylophilus*- was detected for the first time in the Madeira Island in November 2009 and, later in February 2010 the all island was declared demarcated area, as notified to your services.

Although all efforts and measures to eradicate were taken, due to the type of landscape (mountain geography) it was difficult to sustain eradication measures and the pest spread to the entire island, so it was conclude that eradication is no longer possible.

Taking into account this situation and considering that this demarcated area complies with the conditions laid down in paragraph 1 of article 7 of the Commission Implementing Decision 2012/535/EU, of 26 September 2012, Portugal would like to inform that containment measures will be implemented in Madeira Island from 2014.

An action plan of containment measures for PWN is being elaborated by the Regional Government of the autonomous region of Madeira and it will be send to the Commission as soon as possible.

Yours sincerely

General Diretor



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