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SUMMARY REPORT

A.01 Information point on import-export issues between the EU and UK(GB).

The Commission continues its bilateral discussions with the UK/GB on SPS matters and the implementation of the Northern Ireland protocol.

The prohibition of the imports of seed potatoes into the EU remains the most contentious issue. The Commission has made it clear that no such access will be granted unless the UK fully aligns its plant health legislation with the EU one.

A.02 Exchange of views on a draft Commission Implementing Regulation on the control of *Globodera pallida* and *Globodera rostochiensis* in the Union territory.

The Commission presented the draft Regulation and its draft annexes on the control of *Globodera pallida* and *Globodera rostochiensis*, the potato cyst nematodes, as revised following comments provided by the Member States during the discussion in July and afterwards in writing.

The draft was discussed in depth with the Member States. The Commission will revise the draft and present it in the Standing Committee meeting of 13-14 September 2021. As soon as the internal procedures will be finalised, the draft will be submitted to a public consultation via the Better Regulation Portal.

A.03 Exchange of views on a draft Commission Implementing Regulation for the control of *Synchytrium endobioticum* in the Union territory.

The Commission presented the draft Regulation and its draft annexes on the control of *Synchytrium endobioticum*, the pathogen associated with potato wart disease, as revised following comments provided by the Member States during the discussion in July and afterwards in writing.

The draft was discussed in depth with the Member States. The Commission will revise the draft and present it in the Standing Committee meeting of 13-14 September 2021. As soon as the internal procedures will be finalised, the draft will be submitted to a public consultation via the Better Regulation Portal.

A.04 Exchange of views on a draft Commission Implementing Regulation for the control of *Clavibacter sepedonicus* in the Union territory.

The Commission presented the draft Regulation and its draft annexes on the control of *Clavibacter sepedonicus*, the pathogen associated with potato ring rot disease, as revised following comments provided by the Member States during the discussion in July and afterwards in writing.

The draft was discussed in depth with the Member States. The Commission will revise the draft and present it in the Standing Committee meeting of 13-14 September 2021. As soon as the internal procedures will be finalised, the draft will be submitted to a public consultation via the Better Regulation Portal.

A.05 Exchange of views on a draft Commission Implementing Regulation for the control of *Ralstonia solanacearum* in the Union territory.

The Commission presented the draft Regulation and its draft annexes on the control of *Ralstonia solanacearum*, the pathogen associated with potato brown rot disease, as revised following comments provided by the Member States during the discussion in July and afterwards in writing.

The draft was discussed in depth with the Member States. The Commission will revise the draft and present it in the Standing Committee meeting of 13-14 September 2021. As soon as the internal procedures will be finalised, the draft will be submitted to a public consultation via the Better Regulation Portal.

A.06 Overview of the Member States' 2020 surveys results for potato brown rot (*Ralstonia solanacearum*) and potato ring rot (*Clavibacter sepedonicus*), for the potato cyst nematodes *Globodera pallida* and *Globodera rostochiensis* and for *Epitrix*.

Ring rot and Brown rot

Survey results were received from all Member States and from Switzerland, Turkey, Bosnia Herzegovina Serbia and UK.

During the last potato growing period ring rot was detected in eleven Member States. Poland increased its sampling efforts with 20% in seed potatoes and 40% in ware potatoes. Besides this increased sampling the number of findings was similar than in the previous year. In Romania the number of findings is a little bit lower than in 2019, in Lithuania it's similar like the average of the recent years. In six Member States, ring rot incidence remains stable with very low levels of findings. Ring rot was found the first time in Portugal and after five years was found again in Hungary. From third countries only Turkey reported the presence of ring rot, however, the number of outbreaks was lower than in 2020, it is a bit higher in seed potatoes than in the 27 MS of the EU.

Brown rot was overall detected in four Member States with one finding in ware potatoes in Greece, Poland and Spain. In Hungary there were findings both in seed and ware potato lots, but the number of outbreaks was less than in the previous year. From third countries Serbia and Turkey reported outbreaks, the number of outbreaks in seed potatoes in Turkey was also higher than in the 27 MS of the EU.

Both bacteria occurred simultaneously in Hungary, Poland and Spain. Four non-EU consignments were intercepted due to the presence of brown rot in potatoes from Egypt.

Potato cyst nematodes

Survey results were received from all Member States and from Switzerland. Similar trends as in the previous potato growing seasons were observed. Both nematode species were found in 12 Member States whilst nine MS reported no findings during this survey period.

Potato flea beetles

Survey results received from all Member States confirmed the absence of the pest in their territory, except for Portugal and Spain where measures for the containment of *Epitrix* sp. are in place. Nine new infested fields were found outside the demarcated area in Portugal, where the total infested area is 14,589 ha. In Spain, two new demarcated areas were established in Andalucia, the total infested area is 940 ha in the country. No interceptions of potato consignments from Spain or Portugal have been reported.

A.07 Update and exchange of views on the Citrus black spot non-compliances of citrus fruit imports from South Africa during the 2021 trade season.

The Commission updated the Member States on the latest developments with regards to the interceptions of citrus black spot on citrus fruits from South Africa. Member States requested clarifications on the terms and scope of the suspension announced by South Africa on export of late Valencia oranges and lemons from 19 September onwards. The Commission will recontact South Africa and report to the Committee.

B.01 Exchange of views and possible 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.