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**SUMMARY REPORT**

**A.01 Evaluation of recent import interceptions with pests by Member States and the actions taken.**

The Commission discussed the interceptions for the period between 5 July and 6 September 2021. On non-EU trade, the Commission highlighted the nine interceptions of Tomato Brown Rugose Fruit Virus, of which four on seeds of *Solanum lycopersicum* (two from Israel, one from China and one from United Kingdom), and five on seeds of *Capsicum annuum* (two from China, one from Guatemala, one from Israel and one from Thailand). The Commission also highlighted the nineteen interceptions of *Phyllosticta citricarpa* on lemons and oranges, eighteen from South Africa and one from Argentina, the seventeen interceptions of *Bactrocera dorsalis* and *Bactrocera zonata* on mangoes and guavas from Senegal, Bangladesh, Egypt, Mali, Uganda, Cambodia, Pakistan and India, the twenty-one interceptions of *Thaumatotibia leucotreta* on *Citrus* from South Africa, *Capsicum* and *Rosa* from Kenya and *Rosa* from Uganda, Ethiopia and Zambia and the three interceptions of *Spodoptera frugiperda* on *Asparagus* from Peru and *Xanthosoma* from Suriname. It was agreed to monitor closely the development of those interceptions in relation to relevant actions already taken for respective cases and to assess the relevant proposals.

Regarding the follow-up actions of the same reporting period, the Commission informed the Committee about the results of the actions taken by South Africa regarding the interceptions of *Phyllosticta citricarpa* on citrus fruits and the decision of South Africa to suspend the inspection of citrus fruits from 19 September 2021, about the communication with Kenya, Mexico, Peru, Japan, Argentina and Brazil regarding interceptions from those countries.

Finally, the Commission updated the Committee on the completed, ongoing and planned audits of the period.

**A.02 Evaluation of recent outbreaks of pests (including ToBRFV) notified by Member States and the control actions taken**

The Commission presented the overview of the outbreaks notified by the Member States in the period from 2 July to 5 September 2021. Germany gave an overview of the action taken due to the outbreak of *Peronospora aquilegiicola*.

Italy gave an overview of the state of art of the outbreaks of *Aleurocanthus spiniferus*, *Ripersiella hibisci* and *Popillia japonica*.

**A.03 EFSA newsletters on horizon scanning of media and literature for new and emerging plant health risks; EPPO monthly reporting service on pests.**

The EFSA media newsletter and the EFSA scientific literature newsletter of August 2021 and the EPPO reporting service no 7 and 8 were presented to the Committee. EFSA gave further information regarding the results of the PeMoScoring performed for the non-regulated pests identified during the media and scientific literature horizon scanning.

**A.04 Update by Portugal on the situation of *Xylella fastidiosa* in its territory**

Portugal informed about the situation of *Xylella fastidiosa* in their territory and in particular about two new findings in the Lisbon territory and in the Algarve region.

In the outbreak in the north of Portugal, the municipalities affected by *Xylella* measures are Vila Nova de Gaia, Sta Maria Feria, Porto and Matosinhos.

Portugal shared a list of all the species detected infected in this demarcated area and highlighted that 5 of them are not included in the new Annex of the *Xylella* regulation, as recently amended. Those species are *Berberis thunbergii*, *Elaeagnus xebbingei*, *Erica cinerea* L., *Hypericum perforatum* L. and *Magnolia soulangeana* Soul-Bod. In all cases the identified subspecies is multiplex ST7.

The metropolitan area of Lisbon in the municipalities of Sintra, Oeiras and Amadora, has been demarcated following a finding on 30 July 2021 in *Salvia rosmarinus*.

In the south of Portugal another demarcated area has been established, in Tavira.

The date of the finding is 30 July 2021 and the species is again *Salvia rosmarinus*. The subspecies has not yet been determined for the two new outbreaks and no positive insect vector has been identified so far. Portugal informed about their trace forward activities involving other EU Member States. The three Member States involved informed the committee about their activities to trace the consignments produced and traded by the infected Portuguese nursery and the relative negative findings.

**A.05 Update by Hungary, Slovenia and Slovakia on the situation of ToBRFV in their territory.**

Hungary, Slovenia and Slovakia updated the committee on their findings of ToBRFV, the measures applied and the state of play. In particular, Slovakia informed that their only outbreak can be considered eradicated. The Commission invited Slovakia to send the relevant notification of closure through EUROPHYT-outbreak platform.

**A.06 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 presented an overview of the CBS non-compliances in imported citrus fruit during the on-going trade season. The Committee was reminded about the position of South Africa to unilaterally stop the inspection and certification of lemons and Valencia oranges to the Union from 19 September onwards.

The Commission announced that it would organize a presentation of the EFSA opinion on the phytosanitary risk of false codling moth (FCM) in citrus fruit from South Africa.

**A.07 Exchange of views on the follow-up actions regarding non-regulated pests for which actions have been taken under Article 29 of Regulation (EU) 2016/2031 and regarding non-regulated pests analysed with EFSA's Pest Monitoring Scoring tool.**

The Commission presented the data on interceptions of non-regulated pests made at the borders of the Member States during the last two years. One Member State clarified the reason for intercepting pests which are widespread in the EU. Some Member States reported recent interceptions of non-regulated pests and others reported no interception. The Commission invited the Member States to update in writing the interceptions/no interceptions of non-regulated pests by the end of September 2021. The notification report should also contain details of the intercepted commodity.

**A.08 Exchange of views on the need of EU action against *Peronospora aquilegiicola*.**

*Peronospora aquilegiicola* is a non-regulated pest in the EU. Recent outbreaks of this pest have been reported where eradication measures have been taken. As a follow-up, a discussion took place on the need of EU-wide measures. It has been concluded that no EU measures are needed for this pest. It is anticipated that the availability of control measures and the actions taken by the relevant stakeholders would result in control of this pest.

**A.09 Exchange of views on a possible amendment of Implementing Regulation (EU) 2018/2019 (high risk plants) to delist plants for planting of *Corylus avellana* originating in Serbia and *Juglans regia* originating in Moldova.**

The Commission presented the draft annex to the Regulation for removing certain plants for planting of *Corylus avellana* originating in Serbia and *Juglans regia* originating in Moldova, from the list of HRP. The committee expressed concerns regarding the absence of *Garella musculana* in Moldova. This pest is known to occur in the neighbouring countries, Romania and Bulgaria. The Commission checked the EFSA opinion and confirms that the pest was considered, but not included as a pest of concern because of lack of evidence of its presence in Moldova. The Commission will proceed with preparing the draft Regulation for delisting certain plants for planting of *Corylus avellana* originating in Serbia, and certain plants for planting of *Juglans regia* originating in Moldova.

**A.10 Exchange of views on import requirements for *Juglans regia*, *Robinia pseudoacacia* and *Nerium oleander* plants for planting originating in Turkey in relation to a possible amendment of Implementing Regulation (EU) 2018/2019 (high risk plants).**

The Commission presented the main conclusions of the scientific opinions by the European Food Safety Authority on the commodity risk assessments of *Juglans regia*, *Nerium oleander* and *Robinia pseudoacacia* originating in Turkey. The committee had no concerns related to the opinions. The Commission will subsequently proceed, with a view to submitting a draft proposal of measures against the identified pests at one of the forthcoming meetings of the Committee.

**A.11 Information point on import-export issues between the EU and UK(GB).**

No new developments to report. The Commission continues its bilateral contacts with the UK/GB on SPS issues. The issue of seed potatoes (prohibited for import into the EU unless the UK/GB fully aligns with the EU plant health legislation) remains the major topic.

**A.12 Update on the IT tools concerning the notification of phytosanitary non-compliances at import and from internal movements.**

The Commission updated the Committee on the initiatives to increase the flexibility of the TRACES NT system in relation to the search possibilities for the non-compliance notifications, as requested. The notifications of non-compliances in internal movements will, for the time being, continue to be submitted in the TRACES NT.

**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. (Emergency pest).**

No item raised.

**B.02 Exchange of views and possible opinion of the Committee on a draft Commission Implementing Regulation reviewing Regulation (EU) 2020/1191 establishing measures to prevent the introduction into and the spread within the Union of ToBRFV**

The Commission presented the draft amendment of Regulation (EU) 2020/1191, analysing and discussing the comments received by the Member States and by the seed sector. It was confirmed that soil is a type of growing medium and that any reference to 'treatment' of the growing medium should be in line with the definition under ISPM5. This will imply that a stop of cultivation or a rotation could also be intended as soil treatment, such that there is no identifiable risk of spreading the specified pest. The Commission will share the final version of the text with Member States and then launch the written procedure for vote.

**Vote taken by written procedure:** Favourable opinion.

**C.01 Exchange of views of the Committee on a draft Commission Implementing Regulation on the eradication and prevention of the spread of *Globodera rostochiensis* and *Globodera pallida* in the Union territory**

The Commission presented the draft Regulation and its draft annexes on the control of *Globodera rostochiensis* and *Globodera pallida*, the potato cyst nematodes, as revised following comments provided by the Member States during and the discussion during the Standing Committee held on 1-2 September and afterwards in writing.

The draft was discussed with the Member States. The Commission will revise the draft accordingly. Afterwards, the Commission will subsequently proceed with internal consultations and submit the drafts to a public consultation via the Better Regulation Portal. The Commission will present the comments received in a further Standing Committee.

**C.02 Exchange of views of the Committee on a draft Commission Implementing Regulation on the eradication and containment 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 and the discussion during the Standing Committee held on 1-2 September and afterwards in writing.

The draft was discussed with the Member States. The Commission will revise the draft accordingly. Afterwards, the Commission will subsequently proceed with internal consultations and submit the drafts to a public consultation via the Better Regulation Portal. The Commission will present the comments received in a further Standing Committee.

**C.03 Exchange of views of the Committee on a draft Commission Implementing Regulation on the eradication and prevention of the spread 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 and the discussion during the Standing Committee held on 1-2 September and afterwards in writing.

The draft was discussed with the Member States. The Commission will revise the draft accordingly. Afterwards, the Commission will subsequently proceed with internal consultations and submit the drafts to a public consultation via the Better Regulation Portal. The Commission will present the comments received in a further Standing Committee.

**C.04 Exchange of views of the Committee on a draft Commission Implementing Regulation on the eradication and prevention of the spread 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 and the discussion during the Standing Committee held on 1-2 September and afterwards in writing.

The draft was discussed with the Member States. The Commission will revise the draft accordingly. Afterwards, the Commission will subsequently proceed with internal consultations and submit the drafts to a public consultation via the Better Regulation Portal. The Commission will present the comments received in a further Standing Committee.

**C.05 Exchange of views of the Committee on a draft Commission Implementing Regulation amending Implementing Regulation (EU) 2019/2072 as regards the listing of pests, prohibitions and requirements for the introduction into, and movement within, the Union of plants, plant products and other objects, and repealing Decisions 98/109/EC and 2002/757/EC and Implementing Regulations (EU) 2020/885 and (EU) 2020/1292**

The draft proposal was published at the Better Regulation Portal in order to receive comments from the stakeholders. The Commission presented and discussed with the Member States the comments received during this consultation.