



**PLANT HEALTH LEGISLATION
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Progress on the implementation of the new Plant Health Law**

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**Plant Health Regulation
Plant passports – IA+DA**

- Commission adopted on 14 March 2019 Delegated Act on criteria to be fulfilled by authorised operators to issue plant passports
- The act is currently under the Council and EP scrutiny (to expire on 13 May 2019)
- Entry into force: 13 May 2019
- Date of application: 14 December 2020
- Plant Passports Implementing Act (exceptions for final users in protected zones (Art. 81(1) and technical rules on traceability codes – Art. 83(3)):

Stakeholder consultation: 2nd quarter 2019

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**Plant Health Regulation
High risk plants and plants excepted from PC (IA)
Legal bases: Art. 42(2) and 73**

- Commission Implementing Regulation 2018/2019 (adopted in December 2018)
- Receiving dossiers from non-EU countries to make the final risk assessment
- Date of application: 14 December 2019

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**Plant Health Regulation
Procedures for the assessment of high risk plants
Legal basis: Article 42(5)**

- Commission Regulation 2018/2018 establishing procedures for the full risk assessment of high risk plants by EFSA (adopted in December 2018)
- To become applicable on 14 December 2019

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**Plant Health Regulation
Priority pests (DA)
Legal basis: Art. 6**

- JRC and EFSA support (June 2017 – May 2019);
 - Development of a methodology to identify the priority pests;
 - Implementation of the methodology taking into account available data (e.g. MS Inputs);
- Expert Group meeting on 24 April 2019;
- Internal Commission procedures: May 2019
- Stakeholder consultation (June 2019);
- Commission's adoption of the Delegated Act (second half 2019);
- Entry into force, following 2-months' period of Council and EP right of objection (second half 2019 - early 2020);

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**Plant Health Regulation
Update of pests and measures (IA)
Legal bases: Art. 5, 37, 40, 41, 72, 74, 79, 80**

- Update of Annexes I to V of Directive 2000/29/EC
- Discussions at PAFF started in October 2018
- Stakeholder consultation (second half 2019)
- SPS notification (second and third half 2019)
- Discussion and vote at PAFF (second and third half 2019)
- Adoption of IA by the Commission (third half 2019)

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Plant Health Regulation Movement of scientific material (DA) Legal bases: Art. 8(5) and 48(5) of PH Regulation

- The Commission adopted the Delegated Act on 14 March 2019
- The act is currently under the Council and EP scrutiny (to expire on 13 May 2019)
- Entry into force: 13 May 2019
- Date of application: 14 December 2019

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Plant Health Regulation Release of material from quarantine stations (IA) Legal basis: 64(3)

- Discussion at PAFF (1st quarter 2019)
- Stakeholder consultation (2nd quarter 2019)
- PAFF vote and adoption by Commission (3rd quarter 2019)

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**Plant Health Regulation
Information to be provided to travellers and clients of postal services (IA)
Legal basis: Article 45**

The Commission will prepare a first draft for discussion in PAFF (second quarter of 2019)

Stakeholder consultation (third quarter of 2019)

Adoption (fourth quarter of 2019)

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**Official controls –
Designation of EU Reference Laboratories (IA)
Legal basis: Art. 93(1)**

- Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2019/530 designating EU reference laboratories for pests of plants on insects and mites, nematodes, bacteria, fungi and oomycetes, viruses, viroids, and phytoplasmas (adopted in March 2019)

N.B. No vote of the Standing Committee has been required

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Official controls – Minimum frequencies (IA) Legal basis: Art. 22

- Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2019/66 (adopted in January 2019)
- To become applicable on 14 December 2019

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Plant Health & Awareness Raising

- Creation of EU Plant Health Awareness Raising Expert Group
- Foster knowledge sharing between Member States for implementation of national /regional awareness raising campaigns

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Thank you for your attention

