



**SUMMARY REPORT OF THE
STANDING COMMITTEE ON PLANTS, ANIMALS, FOOD AND FEED
HELD IN BRUSSELS ON 15 NOVEMBER 2017
(Section Plant Health)**

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A.01 Evaluation of recent import interceptions with harmful organisms by Member States and the need for further actions.

A brief overview was given of the interceptions with harmful organisms and the follow-up carried out by the Commission from 11 October to 8 November 2017. The 23 interceptions of citrus black spot from South Africa were highlighted. The Commission informed about the meeting with the Embassy and the communication that, from 20 December 2017 onwards, South Africa is not issuing phytosanitary certificates (except for citrus fruits from the citrus black spot free areas).

A.02 Evaluation of recent outbreaks of harmful organisms notified by Member States and of the control actions taken.

Postponed.

A.03 EFSA newsletter on horizon scanning for new and emerging plant health risks.

Postponed.

A.04 Exchange of views and possible approval of the minimum reduced frequencies for import inspection in 2018.

The Commission presented a revised draft for the reduced frequency levels for eligible trades for 2018. The revision submitted and the explanations provided addressed the concerns expressed in the previous meeting of the Committee, in particular with regard to trades linked to new import requirements for false codling moth (*Thaumatotibia leucotreta*) and to newly added trades of tomatoes from Morocco and Canary Islands. While the Committee welcomed most of the changes made, some of the Member States re-insisted that further changes are needed for trades linked to fall army worm (*Spodoptera frugiperda*) and tomatoes from Morocco and the Canary Islands. The Commission will reflect on the comments made and will submit the item again in the next meeting of the Committee.

A.05 Results of the Commission Working Group meeting on revision of the Annexes to Directive 2000/29/EC concerning the possible inclusion of *Gibberella circinata*, *Oomona hirta* and *Neoleucinodes elegantalis*.

The outcome of the discussions that took place in the Annexes Working Group was presented to the Committee. The risk that the harmful organisms pose for the EU, the potential inclusion into the Annexes to Directive 2000/29/EC, with specific import and internal movement requirements, was presented. The Commission has presented as well the time frame and planning of the next sequence of amendments of the Annexes to Directive 2000/29/EC.

A.06 Exchange of views on a possible revision of EU risk management measures against *Spodoptera frugiperda*.

An update on the situation of the outbreaks of *Spodoptera frugiperda* in Africa was given. In addition the Commission's actions to deal with this emerging pest have been discussed. It was decided to organise an electronic working group to discuss the need and details of EU additional risk management measures against the harmful organism.

A.07 Presentation by the Commission of the results of the 2016 Member States' survey results for *Phytophthora ramorum*, followed by an exchange of views.

Postponed.

A.08 Outcome of the evaluation procedure of Member States' 2018 survey programme for Union co-financing.

The Commission presented the list of the approved programmes with the preliminary amount allocated for each 2018 survey programme submitted by the Member States. No comments were made by Member States during the PAFF Committee. The Commission informed that comments or requests for explanation concerning the list of the programmes and the preliminary amounts allocated would be accepted in the next few weeks and that the preliminary amounts might be revised for duly justified reasons. The final amounts allocated per Member State will be presented in the PAFF Committee of January.

B.01 Exchange of views and possible opinion of the Committee on a draft Commission Implementing Regulation setting out the format specifications of the plant passport for movement within the Union territory and the plant passport for introduction into, and movement within, a protected zone.

The Commission presented the stakeholder feedback on the draft Regulation. The Commission also presented the revised draft text of the Regulation and explained how the changes proposed in the revised text address the stakeholders' concerns regarding the needed flexibility of the format of plant passports and the adjustment in the length of the transitional period. During the discussion, the Committee agreed on few additional minor changes in the text to better specify some of the flexible elements in the format. It was also clarified during the discussion that according to the provisions of the Plant Health Law (Regulation (EU) 2016/2031) the declaration of origin under letter 'D' in a plant passport has always to be filled in (i.e. either a Member State or a non-EU country), and that the provisions of Annex VII.B, namely of its point 1(g)(ii), of the Plant Health Law, are applicable and need not to be repeated in the Regulation.

Vote taken: Favourable opinion.

B.02 Exchange of views and possible opinion of the Committee on a draft Commission Implementing Decision amending Implementing Decision 2012/270/EU as regards the symptoms of *Epitrix cucumeris* (Harris), *Epitrix papa* sp. n., *Epitrix subcrinita* (Lec.) and *Epitrix tuberosa* (Gentner) and the establishment of relevant demarcated areas.

The Commission presented the draft Decision amending the current emergency measures against *Epitrix* spp., mainly on the clarification of the elements needed to be taken into account for inspection, survey, notification and demarcation.

Some Member States suggested that this emergency measure could be replaced to set up protected zones. A Member State reminded that the buffer zone is not in line with the EPPO standard and that washing was likely to be a more effective disinfestation technique than brushing. The same Member State recommended a subsequent review of the EU Decision in light of experiments pursued in Spain, and suggested that an audit is needed in 2018.

Vote taken: Favourable opinion.

B.03 Exchange of views and possible opinion of the Committee on a draft Commission Implementing Decision setting out conditions of movement, storage and processing of the fruits *Citrus* L., *Fortunella* Swingle, *Poncirus* Raf., *Microcitrus* Swingle, *Naringi* Adans., *Swinglea* Merr., and their hybrids originating in third countries.

The draft Commission Implementing Decision establishes the conditions for the movement, storage and processing in the EU territory of citrus fruit imported under the specific requirements for citrus destined for industrial processing included in points 16.2(e) and 16.4(e) of Annex IV Part A of Section I of the Directive (EU) 2017/1279. The Commission presented the amendments introduced in the text taking into account previous discussions and the comments provided by Member States.

Vote taken: Favourable opinion.

Protokollerklärung Deutschlands zum Tagesordnungspunkt B.01

Die deutsche Delegation begrüßt, dass die Europäische Kommission einen geänderten Entwurf der Durchführungsverordnung für das Format des Pflanzenpasses (DOK SANTE/11320/2017 CIS Rev.3) vorgelegt hat. Die deutsche Delegation bedauert jedoch, dass durch die kurzfristige Vorlage des geänderten Textes am 13.11.2017 keine ausreichende Zeit für eine Prüfung des neuen Dokumentes bis zur Abstimmung gegeben wurde. Außerdem lag das Dokument nicht in deutscher Sprache vor.

Die Durchführungsverordnung betrifft ein wichtiges Element der neuen Gesetzgebung im Rahmen der Verordnung (EU) 2016/2031 und erfordert daher eine ausreichende nationale Konsultation mit zuständigen Behörden und betroffenen Sektoren.

Die Kommission wird eindringlich gebeten, künftig die rechtzeitige Vorlage der zur Verabschiedung vorgesehenen Vorschläge vor der Abstimmung sicherzustellen, so dass auch in den Mitgliedstaaten eine sachgerechte Prüfung und nationale Konsultationen erfolgen können.

Bei der Abstimmung am 15.11.2017 hat sich Deutschland aufgrund der dargelegten Gründe der Stimme enthalten.
