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SUMMARY REPORT

A.01 Evaluation of recent import non-compliances notified by Member States and the actions taken.

The Commission presented the non-compliances due to the presence of pests for the period between 4 July and 6 September 2022. In non-EU trade the Commission highlighted the non-compliances due to (i) Tomato Brown Rugose Fruit Virus on seeds of tomatoes from United Kingdom, India, Israel, China, Guatemala, Thailand and Peru and peppers from China, India, Chile, Israel and Turkey; (ii) *Thaumatotibia leucotreta* on cut flowers of *Rosa* from Ethiopia, Uganda, Zimbabwe, Zambia and Kenya, on peppers from Uganda, on *Solanum torvum* from Dominican Republic and mandarins and oranges from South Africa; (iii) *Spodoptera frugiperda* on cut flowers of *Rosa* from Kenya, peppers from Uganda and Suriname, common beans from Sri Lanka, asparagus from Peru and Mexico and maize from Senegal; (iv) *Bactrocera dorsalis* on mangoes from Senegal and *Syzygium samarangense* from Vietnam; (v) *Bactrocera zonata* on mangoes from Egypt; and (vi) *Phyllosticta citricarpa* on oranges, mandarins and lemons from South Africa and on grapefruits and lemons from Eswatini.

The Commission also noted the non-compliances due to (i) *Meloidogyne enterolobii* on plants of *Ficus microcarpa* from China and on cuttings of *Syngonium* from Sri Lanka; (ii) *Hirschmanniella caudacrena* on plants of *Vallisneria* from Malaysia; (iii) *Thrips palmi* on *Dendrobium* from Malaysia and Thailand (iv) fruit flies on mangoes from Dominican Republic, Senegal, Burkina Faso, Mali, Egypt, Côte d'Ivoire, Pakistan and Guinea, on eggplants from Senegal, on mandarins from South Africa, on guavas from Dominican Republic, India and Colombia, on *Solanum torvum* from Thailand and Uganda and on peppers from Cambodia; (v) *Elsinoe* on Tahiti lime from Brazil and Vietnam; (vi) *Elsinoe australis* on lemons from Uruguay; (vii) *Xanthomonas citri pv citri* on Tahiti limes from Brazil, lemons from Uruguay and keffier lime from Indonesia; (viii) the non-compliances of different pests on logs of *Juglans nigra* and *Ulmus rubra* from US and (ix) the non-compliances of wood packaging material from India and China.

The Commission presented an update of the follow-up actions as regards the non-compliances due to (i) fruit flies from Burkina Faso, India, Mali, Senegal, Côte d'Ivoire, Dominican Republic, Cameroon, Colombia, Sri Lanka and Guinea; (ii) *Xanthomonas*

citri pv *citri* and *Elsinoe* from Brazil; (iii) *Phyllosticta citricarpa* on citrus fruits from Eswatini; (iv) *Phyllosticta citricarpa* and *Thaumatotibia leucotreta* from South Africa; and (v) the update on the communication with China with regards the non-compliances from a nursery.

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

The Commission presented the overview of the outbreaks notified by Member States in the period of 1 July to 5 September 2022.

Germany gave information about two new findings of *Popillia japonica* in traps, both considered isolated findings, and explained the reinforcement of the surveillance activities in the areas near to the findings.

Portugal, Italy and France were invited to provide the Committee with presentations on the latest updates of *Xylella fastidiosa* in their territories.

a. Portugal: So far, as regards the Porto outbreak no new finding of *Xylella fastidiosa* subsp. *multiplex* in *Citrus sinensis* (just only one on June in a private garden), new finding in citrus plants will soon be uploaded in Europhyt. The outbreak in Luz de Tavira has been eradicated and so has been closed. The finding of new infected plant of *Elaeagnus angustifolia* resulted in a new infected zone for the Lisbon outbreak.

b. Italy: the presentation will be provided in a forthcoming Committee meeting.

c. France: provided a short presentation related to the latest updates of *Xylella* in Occitanie (Aude and Gard) and PACA. In the Aude outbreak, since the beginning of 2022 survey, 6 new infected zones have been delimited but not yet notified in Europhyt. In the Gard outbreak no detection in 2022 during the survey in the buffer zone. In PACA outbreaks since the beginning of 2022 survey, 62 new infected zones have been delimited but not yet notified in Europhyt. The outbreak in Corse is under containment.

A.03 EFSA newsletter on horizon scanning for new pests; EPPO monthly reporting service on pests.

The documents were made available to the Committee.

A.04 Exchange of views on the requirements for a possible amendment of Implementing Regulation (EU) 2018/2019 (high risk plants) to delist certain plants for planting of *Berberis thunbergii* from Turkey and certain plants for planting of *Prunus domestica* from Ukraine.

The Commission presented an overview of the scientific opinions on the Commodity risk assessments of *Prunus domestica* plants from Ukraine and of *Berberis thunbergii* potted plants from Turkey and a draft annex for delisting those commodities from the list of high risk plants. Discussions took place concerning the impact of the pest *Malacosoma parallela* in the EU. The Commission invited Member States to send written comments by 23 September 2022.

A.05 Exchange of views for regulating eradication and containment measures against *Popillia japonica*.

The Commission presented a revised draft Implementing Regulation detailing the eradication and containment measures against *Popillia japonica* Newman, as a follow-up of the discussion held on April 2022 and a working group organised in July 2022. The Committee discussed the eradication measures and requested Member States to provide written comments within the next three weeks, in order to be able to prepare a revised version to be presented in a forthcoming meeting.

A.06 Exchange of views on an amendment of Regulation (EU) 2020/1201 as regards the list of plants known to be susceptible to *Xylella fastidiosa* (Wells et al.).

The Commission informed the Committee about the updated list of *Xylella* host plants known to be susceptible to *Xylella fastidiosa* (Wells et al.). The list will be amended according to the latest EFSA update; therefore with the current update the listing of *Citrus sinensis* under the Annex II for subsp. *multiplex* remains pending.

A.07 Exchange of views on an implementing act for reduced frequencies of plant health inspections under Article 54(3) of the Official Controls Regulation.

Postponed.

A.08 Exchange of views on the draft EURL work programme for 2023-2024.

The five directors of the five EURLs in Plant Health presented their draft work programs for 2023-2024. Discussions were held on activities and lists of the pests proposed, and Member States were invited to provide written comments by Tuesday 20 September.

A.09 Exchange of views on the list of RNQPs that need re-evaluation.

The Commission presented a list of RNQPs intended for re-evaluation, with the proposals/comments from the Member States highlighted. Discussions were held on the list of the pests and the approach to consolidate the list. It was concluded that all the pests from the Fruit Marketing Directive and the pests proposed by the Member States/Sector, which were not previously evaluated by EPPO, will be included in the list. The Commission invited the Member States to send final suggestions of pests to be included in the list in written by 23 September 2022. After this date, the list shall be consolidated, circulated to the Member States and consultations with EPPO shall be initiated.

A.10 Exchange of views on the potential need for a legal framework with import requirements for wood chips.

The Commission informed the Member States of letters received from business operators in relation to the introduction of wood chips from Canada and/or US. The Commission and the Member States agreed that an amendment of the specific requirements laid down in Annex VII to Regulation (EU) 2019/2072 presupposes an official request from a third country underpinned by appropriate information. The Commission recalled an ongoing request from the US for the introduction of softwood chips fumigated with sulfuryl fluoride.

A.11 Information on the SMP Food chain Strand budget situation and the way forward.

The Commission informed about the important budgetary needs to finance the emergency measures for animal and plant health taken in 2021/2022 and a possible way to re-allocate the available budget in case no additional financing is made available. Member States expressed concerns, in particular about possible retroactive reduction of the co-financing rate.

A.12 Information on import-export issues between the EU and UK(GB).

No issue raised.

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 issue raised.

**B.02 Exchange of views and possible opinion of the Committee on a draft Commission Implementing Regulation amending Implementing Regulation (EU) 2019/2072 as regards requirements for the introduction into the Union of certain fruits of *Citrus sinensis* Pers. from Israel.
(SANTE/7080A/2020)**

The Commission presented the feed-back received by Israel on the draft Commission Implementing Regulation and discussed it further with the Member States. Minor revisions clarifying the requirements related to the official inspections and the field trapping of the pest were made.

Vote taken: Favourable opinion.

**B.03 Exchange of views and possible opinion of the Committee on a draft Commission Implementing Regulation establishing measures to prevent the introduction into, establishment and spread within the Union territory of *Anoplophora chinensis* (Forster) and repealing Decision 2012/138/EU.
(SANTE/11096/2021)**

The Commission presented the draft Regulation.

Vote taken: Favourable opinion.

**B.04 Exchange of views and possible opinion of the Committee on a draft Commission Implementing Regulation on the prohibition of introduction, movement, holding, multiplication or release of certain pests pursuant to Article 30(1) of Regulation (EU) 2016/2031.
(SANTE/7074A/2020)**

The Commission presented a draft Regulation establishing the list of so far non-regulated pests for which harmonized action should be taken to prevent their introduction into, movement within, holding, multiplication or release in, the Union territory.

Vote taken: Favourable opinion.

**B.05 Exchange of views and possible opinion of the Committee on a draft Commission Implementing Regulation, amending Implementing Regulation (EU) 2018/2019 (high risk plants) to delist certain plants for planting of *Juglans regia* originating in Moldova.
(PLAN/7073D/2020)**

The Commission presented a draft Regulation to delist certain plants for planting of *Juglans regia* originating in Moldova, from the list of high risk plants.

Vote taken: Favourable opinion.

**B.06 Exchange of views and possible opinion of the Committee on a draft Commission Implementing Regulation amending Implementing Regulation (EU) 2018/2019 as regards certain plants for planting of *Jasminum polyanthum* Franchet originating in Uganda, amending Implementing Regulation (EU) 2020/1213 as regards the phytosanitary measures for the introduction of those plants for planting into the Union territory and correcting Implementing Regulation (EU) 2020/1213 as regards the phytosanitary measures for the introduction of certain plants for planting of *Jasminum polyanthum* Franchet originating in Israel, into the Union territory.
(PLAN/7073C/2020)**

The Commission presented a draft Regulation to delist certain plants for planting of *Jasminum polyanthum* Franchet originating in Uganda from the list of high risk plants, and correct Implementing Regulation (EU) 2020/1213 as regards the phytosanitary measures for the introduction of certain plants for planting of *Jasminum polyanthum* Franchet originating in Israel.

Vote taken: Favourable opinion.

**B.07 Exchange of views and possible opinion of the Committee on a draft Commission Implementing Regulation allowing for the containment of *Aleurocanthus spiniferus* (Quaintance) within certain demarcated areas.
(SANTE/10378/2021)**

The Commission presented the overview of the comments received during the four weeks' public consultation in the Better Regulation Portal 'Have your Say'. Minor changes were introduced after discussion with the Member States.

Vote taken: Favourable opinion.

M.01 EFSA Network on plant pest surveillance

The Commission informed Member States that EFSA is in the process of creating a network on plant pest surveillance and reminded those Member States that have not yet replied to the request of EFSA to do it within one week if they want to be included in the Network.