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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 an overview of non-compliances between 14 December 2023 and 11 January 2024. In non-EU trade the Commission highlighted the non-compliances due to (i) seeds from China, Israel, Peru, Thailand and Türkiye, (ii) *Spodoptera frugiperda* on cut flowers, fruits and vegetables from Israel, Uganda, Egypt, Kenya and Peru and (iii) *Thaumatococcus leucocotretus* on cut flowers, and fruits and vegetables from Kenya, Israel and Tanzania, (iv) *Elsinoë* on citrus fruits from Brazil, China Bangladesh and Mexico, (v) *Ralstonia pseudosolanacearum* on commodities from Peru, and (vi) fruit flies on fruits and vegetables from Sri Lanka, Brazil, Bangladesh, India, Malaysia and Vietnam. In EU-trade, the non-compliances due to (i) *Xanthomonas arboricola* pv. *pruni* and *Globodera pallida* on commodities from the Netherlands and Cyprus. The Commission also presented an update on audits and on the follow-up actions to the non-compliances.

A Member State expressed concern about the non-compliances due to *Ralstonia solanacearum* from Peru and Thailand. The Committee agreed to continue with the procedure of follow-up actions by means of written communication and meetings and to monitor closely the evolution of those non-compliances.

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

France informed on the result of the specific surveys for *Geosmithia morbida* and *Pityophthorus juglandis* after the first finding. Eradication measures are in place. The infested trees have been destroyed and demarcation is in place.

Greece gave an overview of the outbreak situation for *Spodoptera frugiperda*, the follow-up survey activities and measures put in place. Furthermore, Romania gave a presentation on the first finding of the *Spodoptera frugiperda* in its territory. The pest was found in traps. A demarcated area was defined. The pest is not expected to survive the cold winter conditions.

Ireland informed of the first finding of *Ips mexicanus* in traps in one municipality. Official measures are in place including intense surveys.

Spain provided information on the outbreak of *Pomacea* sp.. The eradication campaign is continuing.

Portugal presented the recent findings of *Xylella fastidiosa* in its territory, result of intensive surveys.

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

Postponed.

A.04 Exchange of views on measures to prevent the introduction into and spread within the Union territory of *Bactrocera* spp.

The Commission presented a revised draft of the non-paper on measures against the introduction and spread of three *Bactrocera* species. Several Member States raised comments on details of the draft. The Commission thanked Member States for their input and announced presenting a first draft legal text for discussion as soon as possible.

A.05 Exchange of views on establishing measures to prevent the introduction into and spread within the Union of *Candidatus Liberibacter*.

Postponed.

A.06 Renewal of the measures to prevent the introduction into and the spread within the Union of *Anoplophora glabripennis* (Decision (EU) 2015/893).

The Committee held a discussion on a possible amendment of Decision (EU) 2015/893, with a particular emphasis on the import and internal movement requirements.

A.07 Exchange of views on measures on the import of citrus fruit from Brazil to prevent the introduction into and the spread within the Union of *Elsinöe australis*, *E. citricola* and *E. fawcettii*.

The Commission presented the technical elements of a future draft Regulation for measures to prevent the introduction into the Union of *Elsinöe australis*, *E. citricola* and *E. fawcettii* from citrus fruits from Brazil. The Committee was invited to send written comments by 2 February.

A.08 Outcome of an audit of China concerning export controls for ToBRFV and *Meloidogyne enterolobii*.

The Commission presented the main findings and preliminary conclusions of the audit in China which took place from the 12 to 27 October 2023. This audit consisted of remote meetings and on the spot visits. The objectives of the audit were to: evaluate the implementation of the relevant provisions of the EU legislation concerning controls on the production and export of seeds of *Solanum lycopersicum* (tomato) and *Capsicum* spp. (pepper), in relation to the requirements of Regulation (EU) 2023/1032, evaluate the implementation of the relevant provisions of the EU legislation concerning controls on the production and export of plants for planting of *Ficus microcarpa* and *Zelkova* spp., in relation to the requirements of Commission Implementing Regulation (EU)

2019/2072, assess actions taken to address the recommendations from the previous audit on this topic.

A.09 Outcome of the 2023 Commission audit to Senegal to evaluate the system of official plant health controls and the certification of mangoes for export to the EU.

The Commission presented the main findings and preliminary conclusions of the audit of Senegal, which took place from the 22 to 28 of June 2023. This audit was conducted remotely. The objective of the audit was to evaluate the system of official plant health controls for the certification of mangoes for export to the EU, according to the requirements of Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2019/2072. The audit focused on the implementation of the systems approach to ensure consignments were free from *Tephritidae* (fruit fly) and in line with the EU import requirements in relation to the export of mangoes to the EU.

A.10 State of play of the signature of the grant agreements for the phytosanitary programmes submitted by Member States for 2024.

HaDEA presented the final outcome of the evaluation procedure of the applications for 2024 co-funding and reminded that the preparation of the grant agreement information into eGRANT needs to be finalised by the Member States as soon as possible in order to allow for signature of the grant before 31 January 2024. Information was also given about the submission of the 2023 final reports.

A.11 Update of the LUPP-table with Committee decisions on non-regulated pests.

The Commission has presented the first version of the LUPP table. This table contains information on the state of art of the discussions and follow-up decisions of the long list of non-regulated pests that have been/are under consideration for potential regulation. The table also includes the EU regulated pests that have been or are under discussion for revision of their regulatory status. The activities are mapped from December 2019 onwards. The Member States have been asked to send their comments within a month.

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 Regulation on emergency action against a plant pest in the Union and third countries.

No issue raised.

B.02 Exchange of views and possible opinion of the Committee on a draft Commission Implementing Regulation amending Implementing Regulation (EU) 2022/2389 concerning the establishment of frequency rates for identity checks and physical checks on consignments of plants, plant products and other objects entering the Union.

The Commission presented a draft Commission Implementing Regulation to the Committee. A Member State raised a concern regarding the imports of *Curcuma longa* from Thailand and the increasing number of non-compliances associated. As a

result, the Committee amended the text with an increase of frequency rates for identity checks and physical checks for *Curcuma longa* from Thailand.

Vote taken: Favourable opinion.

B.03 Exchange of views and possible opinion of the Committee on a draft Commission Implementing Regulation amending Implementing Regulation (EU) 2022/1927 as regards the list of demarcated areas for containment of *Aleurocanthus spiniferus* (Quaintance).

The Commission presented a draft Commission Implementing Regulation to the Committee. No concerns were raised by the Committee.

Vote taken: Favourable opinion.

B.04 Exchange of views and possible opinion of the Committee on a draft Commission Implementing Regulation amending Implementing Regulation (EU) 2022/1629 as regards the list of demarcated areas for containment of *Ceratocystis platani* (J.M. Walter) Engelbr. & T.C. Harr.

The Commission presented a draft Commission Implementing Regulation to the Committee. No concerns were raised by the Committee.

Vote taken: Favourable opinion.

M.01 Multiannual survey programmes

The Commission reminded Member States to submit their multiannual survey programmes in EUROPHYT Plant Health Surveys.

