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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 18 April and 15 May 2024. Amongst the non-compliances in non-EU trade, the Commission highlighted the ones due to (i) Tomato Brown Rugose Fruit Virus on tomato and pepper seeds from China, Israel, Morocco, Thailand, and Turkiye, Ethiopia, Guatemala, India, and Peru; (ii) *Spodoptera frugiperda* on *Dianthus* and *Eryngium* from Kenya and Zimbabwe, and on *Asparagus officinalis* from Peru, (iii) *Thaumatotibia leucotreta* on roses from Kenya, on peppers from Kenya, on avocados from Cameroon and on mangoes from Cote d'Ivoire; (iv) *Bactrocera dorsalis* on mangoes from Cameroon and Cote d'Ivoire, on guavas from Bangladesh and Uganda, and on avocados from Cameroon; and (v) *Ralstonia solanacearum* on ware potatoes from Egypt. Amongst the non-compliances in EU-trade, the Commission highlighted the ones due to (i) *Meloidogyne enterolobii*, *Meloidogybe fallax* and *Meloidogyne chitwoodi* on seed potatoes from the Netherlands, (ii) *Opogona sacchari* on already planted plants of *Dracanea* sp. from the Netherlands, (iii) *Globodera pallida* on ware potatoes from Spain, notified by Poland; and (iv) *Phytophthora ramorum*, on already planted plants of *Rhododendron* from the Netherlands and Poland. The Commission also presented the cumulative non-compliances over a 12-month period and an update on audits and on the follow-up actions to the non-compliances.

A Member State expressed concern about the increasing number of non-compliances due to Tomato Brown Rugose Fruit Virus, especially in seeds from China as well as due to *Meloidogyne enterolobii* on plants from China.

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.

The Commission presented the overview of the outbreak notifications received by the Member States.

Italy gave an overview on the eradication campaign for *Bactrocera dorsalis*. The size of the demarcation zone has been reduced. Furthermore, Italy informed of the outcome of the intensive surveys for *Xylella fastidiosa* subsp. *fastidiosa* in the established demarcated zone. It is the first time that this subspecies is reported in the country and the first time that it is found in *Vitis* plants.

Ireland gave information on the outcome of the intensive surveys after the recent finding in traps of *Pseudips mexicanus*.

Portugal gave an overview of the measures and the evolution of outbreaks of *Eotetranychus lewisi* and *Scirtothrips aurantia* in Madeira Island.

Germany, Portugal and Sweden informed on the actions taken to eradicate the findings of *Meloidogyne chitwoodi* in their territory. The Netherlands informed on a recent finding of *Meloidogyne fallax*.

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

The Commission presented highlights from EFSA's newsletter on horizon scanning, issues of April and May 2024, and EPPO's reporting service of March and April 2024.

A.04 Exchange of views on the renewal of the derogation for the import of coniferous bonsai from Japan (Regulation (EU)2020/1217).

The Commission informed that a request for renewal of the derogation was received from Japan in April. The Committee discussed on the possible renewal, lists of pests associated with the commodity and in general about the definition of naturally or artificially dwarfed plants in relation to their size. After a deadline of 2 weeks for written comments, the Commission will proceed with its internal procedures for the renewal.

A.05 Exchange of views on the draft revision of the measures against *Ralstonia solanacearum* on ware potatoes from Egypt (Decision 2011/787/EU).

The Commission presented a draft text and discussed it with the Member States.

A working group will be organized in June with experts from the Member States to finalize the draft text which will be presented in a further Committee.

A.06 Exchange of views on the draft revision of the 4 potato control Regulations (EU) 2022/1192, 2022/1193, 2022/1194 and 2022/1195.

The Commission presented draft provisions to revise the 4 potato control Regulations. The Commission emphasised that the main purpose of this revision is replacing the survey templates in Annex to the Regulations in order to make them compatible with the requirements for electronic submission. The Commission requested to focus on the survey templates and not to open a discussion on the articles.

Member States were requested to provide written comments, if any, by 31 May.

A.07 Exchange of views on the conditions for a possible derogation from Implementing Regulation (EU) 2019/2072 concerning the introduction of unrooted cuttings for planting of *Calibrachoa* spp. and *Petunia* spp. and their hybrids from Guatemala into the Union.

The Commission presented a revised non-paper regarding the possible derogation on the introduction of unrooted cuttings from Guatemala into the EU, following the discussions in February 2024, and the written comments from several Member States. The Commission invited Member States to submit final written comments within two weeks. The exchange of views will continue in a forthcoming Committee meeting.

A.08 Exchange of views on the conditions for a possible derogation from Implementing Regulation (EU) 2019/2072 concerning the introduction of unrooted cuttings for planting of *Calibrachoa* spp. and *Petunia* spp. and their hybrids from Kenya into the Union.

The Commission presented a non-paper regarding the possible derogation on the introduction of unrooted cuttings from Kenya into the EU. The Commission invited Member States to submit written comments within two weeks. The exchange of views will continue in a forthcoming Committee meeting.

A.09 Exchange of views on a revision of Implementing Regulation (EU) 2019/2072 – package II.

The Commission discussed a new package of revisions of the Annexes to Implementing Regulation (EU) 2019/2072. Main revisions include the regulation of new pests as Union quarantine pests and import requirements related to those pests, revisions of internal movement requirements and revisions of CN codes. The Member States were invited to send comments within 2 weeks.

A.10 Exchange of views on the renewal of the measures to prevent the introduction into and spread within the Union of *Aromia bungii* (Decision (EU) 2018/1503).

Postponed.

A.11 Exchange of views on the checks to be carried out on commodities listed in Annex XI Part B of Regulation (EU) 2019/2072.

The Commission presented data from TRACES for 2022, 2023 and 2024 regarding the non-compliances related to the presence of pests for commodities listed in Annex XI Part B of Regulation (EU) 2019/2072. The types of controls conducted for these commodities, per Member State, were also presented to the Committee. The Commission stressed that some commodities presented numerous non-compliances for the presence of pests over the years and may need to be subject to increased controls. Conversely, the Commission stated that some goods did not present any rejection and therefore import control resources could be concentrated elsewhere.

Several Member States welcomed the idea and asked the Commission to organise a specific working group to analyse and discuss TRACES data regarding these commodities and their origins, where new frequencies of checks could be discussed.

The Commission agreed to organise this working group and requested Member States to start gathering their import data regarding these goods for the working group's future analysis.

A.12 Exchange of views on a possible revision of Regulation (EU) 2022/1941 regarding non-regulated pests for which actions have been taken under Article 29 of Regulation (EU) 2016/2031 during the period of July 2021 to December 2023

The Commission presented a discussion paper, highlighting the comments provided by the Member States. Following further discussions, the Committee concluded that the pest *Homona magnanima* should be added to the Annex of Implementing Regulation (EU) 2022/1941, for harmonised EU interception. Based on evidence of significant impact for the pests *Asperisporium caricae*, *Copitarsia decolora*, Tobacco mild green mosaic virus, Tobacco mosaic virus and Tomato mottle mosaic virus on their host plants, the Committee decided that those pest should not be regulated in the EU. This decision shall be captured in the LUPP table. Other pests requiring further observation to determine whether to include in the Annex to Regulation (EU) 2022/1941, or not to regulate, were identified.

A.13 Information on import-export issues between the EU and UK(GB).

No item 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 item raised.

B.02 Exchange of views and possible technical opinion of the Committee on a draft Commission Implementing Regulation amending Implementing Regulation (EU) 2020/1201 as regards measures to prevent the introduction into and spread within the Union of *Xylella fastidiosa* (Wells et al.)

The Commission presented a draft text and Annex to the Committee for technical agreement before consultation with trade partners and stakeholder consultation. The comments raised by the Committee were discussed and will be reflected in a revised text, that will be presented for technical vote in a subsequent Committee meeting. One Member State stressed the importance to progress with the file and regretted that the technical agreement was not reached in the meeting.

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