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**SUMMARY REPORT OF THE  
STANDING COMMITTEE ON PLANTS, ANIMALS, FOOD AND FEED  
HELD IN BRUSSELS ON 25 MAY 2016 - 26 MAY 2016  
(Section Plant Health)**

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**A.01 Overview of new outbreaks of harmful organisms notified by Member States.**

Highlights of the new outbreaks were presented by the Commission. A discussion followed on the pine wood nematode finding in the demarcated area in Spain. Eradication measures have been taken. France gave an update of the *Xylella fastidiosa* subspecies *multiplex* outbreaks.

Spain presented the latest updates on *Epitrix* in the demarcated areas of Andalusia where various samples of the pest were taken for lab re-identification in view of a possible misidentification of *Epitrix similaris*.

**A.02 Presentation by the Commission of the preliminary findings of an audit carried out in Uruguay from 18 to 29 April 2016 in order to evaluate the control measures applied on Citrus fruit against *Phyllosticta citricarpa*, followed by an exchange of views.**

It was explained that a number of actions are being implemented by Uruguay to ensure the compliance with the current phytosanitary requirements for CBS established in Decision (EU) 2016/715. A close monitoring of the situation needs to be carried out.

**A.03 Presentation by the Commission of the report of an audit carried out in Spain from 07 to 10 September 2010 in order to evaluate the control measures applied to *Pomacea* in line with Commission Decision 2012/697/EU.**

A number of actions are being implemented by Spain to ensure the compliance with Decision 2012/697/EU and address recommendations of a previous audit. Eradication in the Ebro River of this organism may be difficult.

**A.04 Presentation by the Commission of an overview report of the Member States' survey results for *Pomacea* in 2015 in line with Commission Decision 2012/697/EU.**

*Pomacea* is only present in Spain. A new outbreak was reported in a new area in Spain. There are 2 demarcated areas. The Committee agreed to continue with the current requirements included in the Decision 2012/697/EU.

**A.05 Presentation by the Commission of an overview report of the Member States' survey results for *Anoplophora chinensis* and *A. glabripennis* in 2015 in line with Commission Decision 2012/138/EU and Decision (EU) 2015/893.**

Postponed.

**A.06 Presentation by the Commission of an overview report of the Member States' plant health checks at import in 2015 and during the subsequent growing period within the EU on *Fragaria* plants intended for planting from Chile and from Argentina under Commission Decision 2003/249/EC, respectively Decision 2003/248/EC.**

The Commission communicated a short briefing highlighting that no Member State has made use of either derogation concerning *Fragaria* plants originating from Chile or Argentina in 2015.

**A.07 Presentation by the Commission of elements for a possible derogation for the import of seeds of *Zea mays* from the USA under a systems approach recognition, followed by an exchange of views.**

The Commission presented a draft text for discussion highlighting the main technical elements. Member States were generally more in favour of the testing option as provided in the present EU legislation and also voiced a concern that the European maize production needs to be safeguarded with effective phytosanitary measures that guarantee *Erwinia stewartii* free maize from the United States.

**A.08 Presentation by the Commission of the reports of the Annex Working Group in relation to *Saperda candida* and Chrysanthemum stunt viroid.**

Based on a pest risk analysis performed by European and Mediterranean Plant Protection Organisation (EPPO), the Annexes Working Group has elaborated a report on the possible regulation of *Saperda candida*. Similarly, following the pest risk assessment performed by the European Food Safety Authority (EFSA), a report has been drafted for a possible reclassification of Chrysanthemum stunt viroid and potential amendments of the current requirements.

**A.09 Presentation by the Commission of the elements for a possible update of the specific requirements at import or movement into the recently revised protected zones.**

The Commission presented the preliminary overview of foreseen amendments and additions regarding the 'Protected Zones' parts of Annexes I-V to Council Directive 2000/29/EC. Member States commented on the presented proposals and the Commission indicated that it will consider all input during the finalisation of the formal draft Decision.

**A.10 Presentation by the Commission of the elements for a possible update of the Annexes I to V to Council Directive 2000/29/EC in relation to**

- *Bactericera cockerelli*
- *Keiferia lycopersicella*
- *Thaumatotibia leucotreta*
- *Xylella fastidiosa*
- *Xanthomonas citri*
- *Phyllosticta citricarpa*

Reflections on a possible revision of the Annexes to Council Directive 2000/29/EC were presented and discussed with Member States. An exchange of views took place as regards the inclusion of the new pests in the Annexes on the basis of pest risk analysis performed by the European and Mediterranean Plant Protection Organisation (EPPO). For *Xylella fastidiosa*, the possibility of reclassification was discussed. In addition, based on pest risk assessments performed by the European Food Safety Authority (EFSA), the amendment of the current specific requirements for import of citrus fruits was discussed.

**A.11 Presentation by the Commission of the elements for a possible update of the specified requirements in Annex IV of Directive 2000/29/EC related to certified fruit plants.**

An exchange of views took place as regards the draft document for a possible amendment of Section II of Part A of Annex IV of Directive 2000/29/EC in relation to the certification scheme of fruit plants. Based on the comments provided by Member States, the Commission will reflect on the way forward.

**A.12 Presentation by France of the situation and the control measures in relation to *Xylella fastidiosa* in France.**

The Committee was informed about the sampling results collected so far by France in the whole territory. Positive findings were reported only in Corsica and Provence-Alpes-Côte d'Azur region, where respectively 249 and 13 outbreaks were detected. Control measures were being implemented, taking also into account the recommendations of the audit carried out by the Commission in February 2016.

Further details were also provided as regards scientific activities carried out by France to further define the epidemiology of the bacterium and the concerned insect vectors.

**B.01 Exchange of views and possible opinion of the Committee on a draft Commission Implementing Decision amending Implementing Decision 2012/756/EU as regards measures to prevent the introduction into and the spread within the Union of *Pseudomonas syringae* pv. *actinidiae* Takikawa, Serizawa, Ichikawa, Tsuyumu & Goto.**

Item postponed.