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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 9 December 2024 and 14 January 2025. Amongst the non-compliances in non-EU trade, the Commission highlighted the ones due to (i) *Curtobacterium flaccumfaciens* pv. *Flaccumfaciens* on seeds of *Phaseolus vulgaris* from United States; (ii) *Thaumatotibia leucotreta* on *Rosa* from Kenya and Uganda, and on *Persea americana* from Cameroon, and on pomegranates from Israel; (iv) *Phyllosticta citricarpa* on *Citrus maxima* from China; (v) *Spodoptera frugiperda* on strawberries from Egypt. The Commission also presented an overview of the non-compliances during 2024 and highlighted the non-compliances due to (i) *Xanthomonas citri* pv. *citri* and *Resseliella citrifrugis* on citrus fruits from China, (ii) *Thaumatotibia leucotreta* on cut roses from Kenya Uganda and Ethiopia, and on citrus and other fruits and vegetables from South Africa, Kenya and Cameroon, (iii) *Ralstonia pseudosolanacearum* on *Curcuma longa* from Thailand and ginger from Peru; (iv) *Thrips palmi* on *Dendrobium* from Thailand; (v) *Ralstonia solanacearum* on potatoes from Egypt; (vi) *Spodoptera frugiperda* on asparagus from Peru; (vii) *Phyllosticta citricarpa* on citrus fruits from South Africa, Zimbabwe, Argentina and China; (viii) fruit flies on different fruits from Egypt, Sri Lanka, India, Vietnam, Cote d'Ivoire, Cameroon, Senegal, Indonesia, Bangladesh, Burkina Faso; and (ix) *Curtobacterium flaccumfaciens* pv. *flaccumfaciens* on bean seeds from United States. It was agreed to proceed with the actions envisaged as regards those non-compliances. The Commission also presented an update on audits and on the follow-up actions to the non-compliances. As regards EU trade, the Commission highlighted the non-compliances due to *Bursaphelenchus xylophilus* on wood of *Pinus* and due to *Meloidogyne enterolobii* on already planted plants of *Ficus microcarpa*, both from Spain.

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

The Commission presented the number of notifications and noted that more than half were closure, in reaction to the letter sent end of 2024. Slovenia updated the Committee about the finding of *Popillia japonica* in two locations. No damage has been reported,

and the findings are limited to the traps. Surveys will be intensified in 2025. Spain informed about the findings of *Aphis citricidus*, *Epitrix papa* and *Euvallacea fornicatus*. Demarcated areas have been established and eradication measures have been taken. Finally, Slovenia presented the state of Grapevine Flavescence doree in vineyards in 2024 compared to 2023. Demarcated areas and buffer zones keep expanding following new findings and measures are being taken. The Commission was requested to organise a specific working group on EUROPHYT-Outbreaks.

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

The Commission presented EFSA's newsletters, issues of December 2024 and January 2025.

A.04 Final report of the ranking of Union quarantine pests qualifying as potential priority pests assessed through the priority pest methodology.

DG JRC presented the outcome of the ranking of the 46 shortlisted Union Quarantine Pests based on the updated I2P2 composite indicator. The results of this study will feed the discussions on the potential revision of the List of Union priority pests set out in the Commission delegated regulation (EU) 2019/1702.

Additional analysis was also performed taking into account alternative distribution of weights for the 3 domains – economic, social and environmental impacts. Furthermore, analysis of the uncertainty on the biological parameters provided by EFSA was also performed and the robustness of the analysis was demonstrated.

JRC and EFSA addressed questions from Member States on the ranking of certain pests and the robustness of the analysis.

JRC will publish its final report in February 2025 and a data visualisation IT-tool will also be available to facilitate the analysis of the results. The Commission will follow up this work at the appropriate fora (committee, working groups). EFSA will publish all the pest reports by the end of March 2025.

A.05 Exchange of views on splitting of consignments and partial decisions for CHED-PP in Traces during import inspection.

The Commission presented its interpretation of Regulation (EU) 2017/625 and how the partial decision for CHED-PP in TRACES was not foreseen given the current legislation. In order to consider and provide legal solutions, the Commission wanted to exchange first with the Committee regarding the problems and difficulties encountered. Several Member States explained that the partial validation of consignments is necessary for the plant health sector and urged the Commission to find a solution. The Commission acknowledged the position from the Member States and will reflect on potential approaches in order to facilitate the use of the partial validation in TRACES.

A.06 State of play of the signature of the grant agreements for the phytosanitary programmes submitted by Member States for 2025-2027.

HaDEA presented the final outcome of the evaluation procedure and budget allocation for 2025-2027 concerning the phytosanitary programmes 2025-2027. 24 M€ have been allocated to 25 Member States. HaDEA informed that there was a change in the financial system of the Commission by the end of the year, which may have caused

problems to resubmit the requested files. This issue is now solved, Member States have now received the files that they need to resubmit, and it was requested that the new files are uploaded in the system by 24 January, in order to be able to finalise the signature of the grants in e-GRANTS in time and before 31 January. Several Member States signalled issues with the follow-up of their questions and HaDEA will look into this.

A.07 Rules of Procedure for the standing committee on plants, animals, food and feed for acts to be adopted under the regulatory procedure with scrutiny.

Updated rules of procedure for the Standing Committee were presented to the Committee. They will be presented for opinion in one of the other sections of the Committee during a forthcoming meeting.

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 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 the text to be voted, 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. Some Member States suggested to raise the frequency rate of controls on roots and tubercles of *Curcuma longa* from Thailand from 25% to 35% given recent interceptions at the border, which was accepted by the Committee.

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) 2018/2019 as regards certain plants for planting of *Betula pendula* and *Betula pubescens* originating in the United Kingdom.

The Commission presented the draft which removes plants for planting of *Betula pendula* and *Betula pubescens* originating in the United Kingdom from the list of high-risk plants, plant products and other objects in the Annex to Implementing Regulation (EU) 2018/2019.

Vote taken: Favourable opinion.

B.04 Exchange of views and possible opinion of the Committee on a draft Commission Implementing Regulation on the conditions for a 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 informed the Committee on the comments received during the stakeholder consultation on the ‘Have your Say’ Commission website and on the positive reply received from Guatemala on the bilateral consultation.

The Commission presented the revised draft legal act. The Committee raised concerns regarding the assurances that the cuttings will only be moved to the premises of professional operators authorised to issue plant passport for this specific material or operators for whom the competent authorities issue the plant passport.

The Commission will revise the text taking into account the comments received during the meeting and will present for vote a revised version of the text in a forthcoming meeting.

Vote Postponed

B.05 Exchange of views and possible opinion of the Committee on a draft Commission Implementing Regulation on the conditions for a 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 informed the Committee on the comments received during the stakeholder consultation on the ‘Have your Say’ Commission website and that no comments have been received from Kenya in the bilateral consultation.

The Commission presented the revised draft legal act. The Committee raised concerns regarding the assurances that the cuttings will only be moved to the premises of professional operators authorised to issue plant passport for this specific material or operators for whom the competent authorities issue the plant passport.

The Commission will revise the text taking into account the comments received during the meeting and will present for vote a revised version of the text in a forthcoming meeting.

Vote Postponed

B.06 Exchange of views and possible opinion of the Committee on a draft Commission Implementing Regulation amending Implementing Regulation (EU) 2022/1630 as regards the list of demarcated areas for containment of Grapevine flavescence dorée phytoplasma.

The Commission informed the Committee that no comments have been received during the four weeks’ stakeholder consultation on the ‘Have your Say’ Commission website.

The Commission presented for vote the draft legal act which amends the list of containment areas for Grapevine flavescence dorée phytoplasma. No comments were raised by the Committee.

Vote taken: Favourable opinion.

- B.07 Exchange of views and possible opinion of the Committee on a draft Commission Implementing Regulation on temporary measures to prevent the introduction into, establishment and spread within the Union territory of *Curtobacterium flaccumfaciens* pv. *flaccumfaciens* (Hedges) Collins and Jones and amending Implementing Regulation (EU) 2019/2072.**

Vote Postponed

- B.08 Exchange of views and possible technical agreement of the Committee on a draft Commission Implementing Regulation amending Implementing Regulation (EU) 2022/632 as regards the prolongation of the temporary measures in respect of specified fruits originating in Argentina, Brazil, South Africa, Uruguay and Zimbabwe to prevent the introduction into and the spread within the Union territory of the pest *Phyllosticta citricarpa* (McAlpine) Van der Aa.**

The Commission presented the draft legal act and a technical agreement was received from the Member States. The draft legal act will be published for a four weeks' consultation on the 'Have your Say' Commission website.

Vote Postponed

- C.01 Exchange of views of the Committee on a draft Commission Implementing Regulation establishing a derogation from Implementing Regulation (EU) 2019/2072 as regards the requirements for the introduction into the Union territory of maple veneer originating in Canada.**

The Commission presented a revised draft legal act. The draft was discussed and Member States raised some comments on details of the provisions. The Commission requested Member States to submit written comments within 10 days after the meeting. The Commission intends to finalise the internal discussion on the draft as soon as possible.