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SUMMARY REPORT

A.01 Evaluation of recent import interceptions with pests by Member States and the actions taken.

The Commission presented the interceptions for the period between 15 March and 18 April 2022. In non-EU trade the Commission highlighted the 22 non-compliances of Tomato brown rugose fruit virus on seeds of *Solanum lycopersicum* from Israel, Guatemala, China, Chile, Turkey and Peru and on seeds of *Capsicum annuum* from China, Turkey and Israel.

The Commission also highlighted the interceptions of *Bactrocera dorsalis*, on *Mangifera indica* and *Persea americana*, all from Cameroon; of *Bactrocera zonata* on *Psidium guajava* from Pakistan; of *Thaumatotibia leucotreta* on *Capsicum annuum* from Uganda, on *Citrus reticulata* from Israel and on *Rosa* from Kenya, Uganda, and Ethiopia; of *Spodoptera frugiperda* on *Asparagus officinalis* from Peru, on *Momordica charantia* from Rwanda, on *Capsicum chinense* from Suriname and on *Eustoma* from Tanzania; of *Anoplophora chinensis* on *Acer palmatum* from China; and of *Ralstonia solanacearum* on ware potatoes from Egypt.

The Commission noted the non-compliances of *Buprestidae*, *Cerambycidae*, *Formica*, *Hemiptera*, *Pentatomidae* and *Xylosandrus crassiusculus* on logs of *Juglans nigra* from United States.

Finally, the Commission also noted the non-compliances of (i) *Ceratothripoides brunneus* on *Momordica* from Rwanda, (ii) *Cylas puncticollis* on *Ipomoea batatas* from Cameroon, (iii) *Apriona germari* on a non-defined commodity from China, (iv) *Leucinodes pseudorbonalis* on *Solanum aethiopicum* from Uganda.

On EU trade the Commission noted the interception of *Globodera pallida* on ware potatoes from Cyprus (reported by Poland), the interceptions of *Ripersiella hibisci* on already planted plants of *Chamaerops humilis* from Italy (reported by Netherlands); the interception of *Opogona sacchari* on *Ficus elastica* from Netherlands (reported by Poland) and the interceptions of *Aleurocanthus spiniferus* on potted plants of *Citrofortunella micocarpa* from Italy (reported by the Netherlands).

The Commission and the Member States agreed to continue monitoring the non-compliances in order to assess the need for specific actions.

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 the Member States in the period from 9 March 2022 to 18 April 2022.

Italy gave an overview of the situation of the *Toumeyella parvicornis* outbreaks in their territory. The pest is not-regulated in the EU. A recent EFSA pest categorisation is available and a discussion on the potential EU regulation will take place in the next Committee meeting.

Portugal gave information related to the finding of *Elsinoe fawcettii* in the Azores. The pest is under eradication.

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

The Commission presented highlights from the EFSA's newsletter on horizon scanning, issue of April 2022, and EPPO's reporting service of March 2022.

A.04 Exchange of views on the feedback from the WTO-SPS consultation of the draft Regulation amending Regulation (EU) 2019/2072 regarding the import requirements related to *Thaumatotibia leucotreta*.

The Commission summarised the content of the feedback received during the WTO-SPS consultation period. Several of the comments received echoed the comments made during the stakeholder consultation and were related to the implementation aspects of the cold treatment proposed for oranges. The way forward was discussed with the Member States. The draft Regulation will be adjusted to address those comments.

A.05 Exchange of views on the current use of the Letter of Authority for Proficiency tests organized within EU.

The Commission asked the Member States their views on the use and current problems encountered in their country as regards the Letter of Authority. The Commission explained that a revision process of the Letter of Authority will be discussed in an Expert group meeting, following the formal process of revision of a Delegated act. The Commission clarified that proficiency tests are not considered as official testing under the Official Control Regulation, and therefore not exempted from the use of a Letter of Authority as is the case for official testing pursuant to Article 7.

A.06 Exchange of views on a possible amendment of Implementing Regulation (EU) 2018/2019 (high risk plants) to delist plants for planting of *Lonicera* L. from Turkey and plants for planting of *Malus domestica* from Moldova.

The Commission presented to the Committee the overview of the scientific opinions on the Commodity risk assessment of specified species of *Lonicera* potted plants from Turkey and the Commodity risk assessment of grafted plants of *Malus domestica* from Moldova and a first draft Regulation for delisting those commodities from the list of high risk plants. Discussions were held and an agreement reached on a new approach for granting derogations to the third countries for HRP commodities, which is not limited to the specific request of the third country, but extended to other parameters covered by the risk assessment. For requests for which derogations have already been

granted, amendments will be made to those derogations only if the third countries concerned request to export plants with those parameters not initially requested. The Commission will proceed to launch internal consultation procedures for the draft Regulation concerning those commodities from Turkey and Moldova.

A.07 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 March 2022 and the written comments received from Member States. The Committee discussed the difficulties to eradicate the pest once it is detected in a territory and the need to take into account the experience of the countries having the pest when drafting the measures. It was decided to organise a working group with experts on the pest to discuss and define the eradication and containment measures against this pest.

A.08 Report of the Commission audit to Italy between 27 September and 11 October 2021 in order to evaluate the situation and controls for *Anoplophora chinensis*, *A. glabripennis* and *Popillia japonica*.

The Commission presented the results from the audit in Italy on *Anoplophora* and *Popillia japonica* held from 27 September to 11 October 2021 and the Committee held a discussion on the recommendations. Italy provided an update on the follow-up measures. Of particular concern for *Anoplophora glabripennis* is the situation in the region of Marche. The Commission underlined that the results of the audit will be taken into account in the assessment of the co-funding applications of Italy.

A.09 Report of the Commission audit between 15 and 26 November 2021 in order to evaluate the system of official controls in Peru for the export of plants and plant products to the European Union.

The Commission presented the findings of a remote audit of Peru on the implementation of the specific EU import requirements related to host plants of tomato brown rugose fruit virus (ToBRFV) and related to mangoes and non-European *Tephritidae*, as well as the phytosanitary status and measures in place regarding *Spodoptera frugiperda* in particular on *Asparagus officinalis*.

A.10 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.

No issue raised.

B.02 Exchange of views and possible opinion of the Committee on a draft Commission Implementing Regulation as regards temporary measures to prevent the entry into, the movement and the spread within, and the multiplication and release in, the Union of *Meloidogyne graminicola* (Golden & Birchfield)

The Commission informed Member States about the latest changes to the draft Implementing Regulation and in particular the volume of soil samples and the agricultural species that can be used for crop rotation. Member States agreed with the publication of the draft Implementing Regulation on the *Have your say*-portal.

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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.

The Commission presented the 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. Member States commented on the need to continue the surveillance in the infested areas for containment, on the timing for the felling of infested trees found in containment areas and on the transitional period for the import requirements. The Committee agreed to have the draft with the proposed amendments sent for SPS consultation and uploaded on the BRP portal for public comments.

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B.04 Exchange of views and possible opinion of the Committee on a draft Commission Implementing Regulation amending Implementing Regulation (EU) 2019/2072 as regards the specific requirements for the introduction into the Union of plants in relation to the Union quarantine pest *Thaumatotibia leucotreta* (Meyrick).

Point not discussed.

Vote Postponed

C.01 Exchange of views of the Committee on a draft Commission Implementing Regulation establishing emergency measures to prevent the introduction into and the spread within the Union of Rose Rosette Virus and repealing Implementing Decision (EU) 2019/1739.

The Commission informed Member States about the latest changes to the draft Implementing Regulation, based on the written comments received from Member States and taking into account the outcome of the discussion during the meeting. The Member States agreed with the modifications. The Commission will subsequently proceed with the internal consultation process.

M.01 At the request of Member States HaDEA presented information on the timelines for 2021-2022 Grant agreements and 2023 co-funding applications.

The Commission informed Member States about the publication on 19 April 2022 of Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2022/632 setting out 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. It also informed that the links to the codes of the sites of production are available on DG SANTE's website. It also explained that because of the delay in the publication of the Regulation, there will be consignments certified under the old regime. There was agreement between Member States to show the necessary flexibility and accept consignments to be presented for import that are accompanied by a phytosanitary certificate which has been issued by 19 April 2022 and refers to Commission Implementing Decision (EU) 2017/625 or to Implementing Regulation 2019/2072.