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**SUMMARY REPORT OF THE
STANDING COMMITTEE ON PLANTS, ANIMALS, FOOD AND FEED
HELD IN BRUSSELS ON 24 JUNE 2015
(Section Plant Health)**

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

The Commission presented the monthly overview of outbreaks notified by Member States in the period of 13 May to 18 June 2015. The Commission especially drew the attention of the Committee to the notifications - from Italy of new host plants of *Xylella fastidiosa*, from Spain of *Epitrix similaris* (potato flea beetle) outbreak in ware potato plots in Andalucía (Sevilla province), from Finland of the first finding in the EU of Groundnut ringspot virus in *Begonia* pot plants in a glasshouse in the North of the country, of another first finding in the EU from Germany of *Thekospora minima* (leaf rust of blueberry) in a nursery in Lower Saxony in a variety of blueberry (*Vaccinium corymbosum*), and from the Netherlands of an update to in October 2014 notified first finding in the EU of *Thrips setosus* (Japanese flower thrips).

A.02 Presentation by the Commission of the preliminary conclusions of the audit from 8 to 19 June 2015 in order to evaluate the situation and official controls for *Xylella fastidiosa*.

The Commission presented the preliminary results of the audit carried in Italy on *Xylella fastidiosa* from 8 to 19 June 2015. The audit took place in Liguria and Tuscany, as follow-up to the false positive finding of *Xylella fastidiosa* reported at the end of April 2015, as well as in Apulia. The Committee was informed that the measures implemented so far in Apulia have clearly not been sufficient to prevent the further rapid spread of *Xylella fastidiosa* within and out of the Demarcated Area. Italy was invited to urgently submit an action plan in order to address the identified shortcomings and, for the time being, not to authorise any movement of specified plants out of the demarcated area pending positive developments.

A.03 Information by Italy and other Member States on the planning of activities for compliance with Commission Implementing Decision (EU) 2015/789 on measures against *Xylella fastidiosa*.

Italy informed about recent developments of *Xylella fastidiosa* in their territory and the activities foreseen in order to comply with Commission Implementing Decision (EU) 2015/789. Italy informed that a new action plan was currently being prepared in line with new legal provisions. Furthermore, Italy informed that so far there were no nurseries authorised to move any specified plants out of the demarcated area.

France presented the outcome of the ongoing intensified surveillance programme on *Xylella fastidiosa* and the activities carried out as follow-up to the *Coffea* plants intercepted within their territory. The Netherlands provided an overview of their tracing-back activities carried out so far following several interceptions reported on *Coffea* plants, and informed that an *ad-hoc* taskforce had been set-up to further support ongoing activities in this context.

A.04 Presentation by the Commission of an overview of the 2014 Member States' monitoring results for the presence of *Anoplophora chinensis*, followed by an exchange of views.

The Member States monitoring results demonstrate that inspections were carried out at more than 71.000 sites. It was confirmed that this insect had not been found so far in 25 MS. In MS with outbreaks, action plans were in place to control the insect.

A.05 Presentation by the Commission of the outcome of the meeting of the EU-US Technical Working Group for Plant Health on 5-6 May 2015 in Washington.

An overview was given about the state of play of all plant health dossiers at stake between the USA and the EU.

A.06 Information by the Commission of the project to contract out the evaluation of the harmful organisms which are currently regulated under the Marketing Directives for Plant Reproductive Material (all) or in Annex IIAII in preparation of Directive 2000/29/EC (partly) for the inclusion of such organisms as Regulated Non Quarantine Pests (RNQPs) under the future Plant Health Regulation.

This point of the Agenda has been postponed.

B.01 Exchange of views and possible opinion of the Committee on a draft Commission Implementing Decision amending Decision 2006/473/EC recognising certain third countries and certain areas of third countries as being free from *Xanthomonas campestris* (all strains pathogenic to Citrus), *Cercospora angolensis* Carv. et Mendes and *Guignardia citricarpa* Kiely (all strains pathogenic to Citrus).

This Decision would amend Decision 2006/473/EU recognizing Gordonia, in the Northern Cape province in South Africa, as a pest free area for *Guignardia citricarpa* Kiely (all strains pathogenic to Citrus).

Vote taken: Favourable opinion.

B.02 Exchange of views and possible opinion of the Committee on a draft Commission Implementing Decision recognising Bosnia and Herzegovina as being free from *Clavibacter michiganensis* ssp. *sepedonicus* (Spieckerman and Kotthoff) Davis et al.

This Decision would recognize Bosnia and Herzegovina as free from potato ring rot (*Clavibacter michiganensis* ssp. *sepedonicus*).

Vote taken: Favourable opinion.

C.01 Exchange of views of the Committee on "Projet de DÉCISION DE LA COMMISSION approuvant, au nom de l'Union européenne, la modification d'appendices de l'annexe 4 de l'accord entre la Communauté européenne et la Confédération suisse relatif aux échanges de produits agricoles" (working language of the document: French).

The Commission explained the background of the draft since the adoption in 2010 of the last similar Decision, i.e. Decision 2014/83/EU. The aim of the current draft is to amend Appendixes 1 (list of plants, plant products and other objects), 2 (list of similar legislations of EU and Switzerland with equivalent results) and 4 (zones of EU and Switzerland with particular status) of Annex 4, i.e. the plant health Annex of the Agreement between EU and Switzerland on trade of agricultural products, Agreement which entered into force in 2002.