



**PLENARY MEETING OF THE ADVISORY GROUP
ON THE FOOD CHAIN AND
ANIMAL AND PLANT HEALTH
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**Plant health
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Plant Health Regulation

Formats of plant passports (IA)

- Stakeholder feedback in October 2017
- Voted in PAFF 15 November 2017
- Adoption of IA by the Commission by 14 December 2017
- Date of application: 14 December 2019

Legend: IA (Implementing Act), DA (Delegated Act)



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Plant passports – other provisions (IA+DA)

- IA = Art.81(1.b)/final users in PZs; 83(3)/traceability code exemptions
- DA= Art.81(2)/final users-small quantities; 87(4)/detailed measures for frequency & timing of examinations; 89(2)/criteria to be fulfilled by professional operators
- Working/Expert Group meetings – 24 January 2018
 - **IA: Draft text at PAFF Committee (1st Q 2018)**
 - **DA: Expert Group meeting – follow-up (if needed- 1st Q 2018)**
- Internal Commission procedures (2nd Q 2018)



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Plant passports - other provisions (IA+DA)

- Stakeholder feedback (2nd Q 2018)
- *IA: Discussion and vote at PAFF Committee (4th Q 2018)*
- *DA: Expert Group (4th Q 2018)*
Commission's adoption of the Delegated Act (4th Q 2018)
Entry into force, following 2-months period of Council and EP
right of objection (beginning 2019)



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High risk plants and plants to be exempted from PC (IA)

- Working Groups: 6-7 June 2017 and 29 September 2017
- Third Working Group on plants to be exempted from PC: 21 November 2017
- Third Working Group on high risk plants: 18 to 20 December 2017
- Discussion in PAFF (February 2018)
- Commission internal procedures
- Discussion in PAFF (April – May 2018)
- **Stakeholder feedback and SPS notification (June – July 2018)**
- Discussion and possible vote in PAFF (October – November 2018)
- Adoption of joint IA for both lists by the Commission (by 14 December 2018)
- Date of application: 14 December 2019



Plant Health Regulation Priority pests (DA)

- JRC and EFSA support (June 2017 – July 2019);
 - Development of a methodology to identify the priority pests;
 - Implementation of the methodology taking into account available data (e.g. MS inputs);
- Expert Group support (first half 2018 – first half 2019);
- Stakeholder feedback (second half 2019);
- Commission's adoption of the Delegated Act (second half 2019);
- Entry into force, following 2-months period of Council and EP right of objection (second half 2019 - early 2020);



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Update of pests and measures (IA)

- Update of Annexes I to V of Directive 2000/29/EC
- Working groups (first half 2018)
- Integrate conclusions of EPPO study on RNQPs (second half 2018)
- Internal Commission procedures (second half 2018)
- **Stakeholder feedback (second half 2018)**
- SPS notification (first half 2019)
- Discussion and vote at PAFF Committee (first half 2019)
- Adoption of IA by the Commission (second half 2019)



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Movement of scientific material (DA)

- Expert group work (November 2017-May 2018)
- Internal Commission procedures (June-October 2018)
- **Stakeholder feedback (October-November 2018)**
- Adoption by the Commission of the DA (December 2018)
- Council and EP (December 2018)
- Entry into force (February 2019)



Official controls – Establishment of EU Reference Laboratories (DA)

- Expert Group meeting (29 May 2017)
- Internal Commission procedures (November 2017)
- **Stakeholder feedback (December 2017)**
- Expert Group meeting (December)
- Adoption of Commission Decision (February 2018)
- Entry into force following Council and EP right of objection (April 2018)



Official controls – Designation of EU Reference Laboratories (IA)

- Calls for selection(2nd and 3rd quarter 2018)
- Adoption of Commission Decision (end of 3rd quarter 2018)

N.B. No vote of the Standing Committee required



Official controls – Internal movements (Art. 22 - IA)

Under article 22(3) the Commission is empowered to lay down rules on uniform official controls on plants (for internal movement)

- Working group on 24 January 2018
- Draft text to be discussed at PAFF Committee (1st quarter 2018)
- Internal Commission procedures (2nd quarter 2018)
- **Stakeholder feedback (2nd quarter 2018)**
- Discussion and vote at PAFF Committee (4th quarter 2018)

The empowerment of Paragraph 2 would not be used because import rules will be defined and covered by article 54 with the aim of having a horizontal approach of controls among different sectors.

Official controls - Regulation 2017/625

Horizontal empowerments where Plant Health aspects will be included

IMPLEMENTING ACTS

- Art.54.3 frequency of checks
- Art.58 CHED

DELEGATED ACTS

- Art.51 points 1 and 2 official controls at border control posts
- Art.53.1 official controls not performed at border control posts
- Art.77.1 specific measures for official controls (wood packaging material)



Amendment of the Annexes of Council Directive 2000/29/EC (I)

The provisions of Commission Implementing Directive (EU) 2017/1279 will apply from 1 January 2018.

The European Commission has informed and clarified via WTO - SPS which data need to be provided prior to the start of trade by the non-EU countries:

- For *Cercospora angolensis* , *Phyllosticta citricarpa* (CBS), *Xanthomonas citri* pv. *citri* and *Xanthomonas citri* pv. *aurantifolii* (citrus canker)
 - a) Country freedom or
 - b) Areas free from the harmful organism.
- For *Xanthomonas citri* pv. *citri* and *Xanthomonas citri* pv. *aurantifolii* (citrus canker) and *Thaumatotibia leucotreta*:
 - a) Treatment of the fruits.



Amendment of the Annexes of Council Directive 2000/29/EC (II)

Commodities for which info is required:

- a) Fruits of *Citrus*, *Fortunella* Swingle, *Poncirus* Raf., *Microcitrus* Swingle, *Naringi* Adans., *Swinglea* Merr., and their hybrids originating in all non-EU countries;
- b) Fruits of *Capsicum*, *Prunus persica*, and *Punica granatum* originating in countries of the African continent, Cape Verde, Saint Helena, Madagascar, La Réunion, Mauritius and Israel;
- c) Plants of *Microcitrus* Swingle, *Naringi* Adans., and *Swinglea* Merr., other than fruits and seeds, originating in all non-EU countries.

Tomato fruit is regulated (phytosanitary certificate + additional declaration).



Xylella fastidiosa

Latest revision of Decision (EU) 2015/789 (I)

- Endorsed by PAFF on 19 October 2017; COM adoption expected soon.

MAIN POINTS

- Corsica and Baleares declared as **containment areas**;
- Harmonised **diagnostic tests** within and outside the demarcated areas;
- Specific measures in case of **isolated cases**;
- **Reduced buffer zone** for outbreaks under eradication;
- Revised **survey grids** applied in the buffer zones;



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- MS to authorise **planting of host plants**, and preferably those varieties less susceptible to *Xf*, in some parts of the containment areas (Corsica, Apulia, Balears);
- **Felling exemptions** for monumental non-infected trees located in the clear cut area (100 m) subject to physical isolation;
- De-listing of **grapevine varieties** resistant to the Apulian strain;
- Stricter requirement for movement in the EU of **plant species, which have been regularly found infected**, such as *Coffea*, *Landula dentata*, *Nerium oleander*, *Olea europea*, *Polygala myrtifolia*, *Prunus dulcis*, when grown in areas of the EU or non-EU territory free from *Xf*.



Plant Health & Awareness Raising

- **Lack of awareness on plant health risks within the society** ⇒ limited understanding for eradications
- **Proposal Maltese Presidency for action**
- **A Commission Working Group on Awareness Raising for Plant Health will start early 2018:**
 - ✓ *To assist Member States with national/regional campaigns*
 - ✓ *To exchange experiences / share on e-platform*
 - ✓ *Communication + technical experts from Member States, EFSA, EPPO, COM + **stakeholders***