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SUMMARY REPORT

A.01 Exchange of views on the comments from the WTO-SPS consultation for the revision of Implementing Regulation (EU) 2019/2072 – package I.

The Commission presented an overview of the comments received by the trading partners.

Comments were received regarding the timing given for the application of the measures for cut roses in relation to the pest *Thaumatotibia leucotreta*. Additional time was requested in order to prepare the implementation of those measures. Furthermore, comments were received regarding the CN codes included in Annex XI to Implementing Regulation (EU) 2019/2072.

A.02 Exchange of views on a revision of Implementing Regulation (EU) 2019/2072 – package II.

Postponed.

A.03 Exchange of views on the revision of the measures against Tomato Brown Rugose Fruit Virus (Implementing Regulation (EU) 2023/1032).

Member States expressed a favourable opinion for revision of the status of ToBRFV as RNQP. The Commission presented a draft text modifying accordingly Annexes IV and V to Implementing Regulation (EU) 2019/2072, and Implementing Regulation (EU) 2019/66 as regards the import requirements. Based on the outcome of the discussion, the Commission will share a revised draft with the Member States who are invited to provide their written comments by 9 August for discussion during the Committee of September.

A.04 Exchange of views on the draft revision of the measures against *Ralstonia solanacearum* on ware potatoes from Egypt (Implementing Decision 2011/787/EU).

The Commission presented a revised draft to the Committee and discussed it with the Member States. Based on the outcome of the discussion, the Commission will share a revised draft with the Member States who are invited to provide their written comments by 9 August.

A.05 Exchange of views on a possible revision of Implementing Regulation (EU) 2022/1630 establishing measures for the containment of Grapevine flavescence dorée phytoplasma within certain demarcated areas.

The Commission presented the information received from some Member States requesting to apply the containment approach for the control of the pest in certain areas of their territory. The Member States were requested to send additional information by 15 August.

A.06 Provisional conclusion on a Commission audit in Ivory Coast on the controls system for export of mangoes to the EU.

The Commission presented to the Committee the outcome of an audit carried out in Côte d'Ivoire in relation to the phytosanitary framework applied to mangoes for the export to the Union.

The audit was carried out remotely from 12 to 18 June and it was scheduled because of the number of non-compliances due to the presence of fruit flies in consignments of fresh mangoes originating from Cameroon.

A concise audit report is currently being drafted and will be published on the Commission website <https://ec.europa.eu/food/audits-analysis/audit-report>.

A.07 Exchange of views on a draft EURL work programme for 2025-2026.

The Commission presented the draft work programmes 2025-2027 of the five EURLs.

The deadline for the electronic submission of the work programmes to the Commission is 3 September. However, Member States are invited to provide any substantial comments on the draft work programmes by 26 August.

A.08 Overview report by the Commission on Member States multiannual survey programmes.

Postponed.

A.09 Overview report by the Commission on Member States contingency plans for priority pests.

The Commission presented the results of a desk study on Member States' contingency plans for EU priority pests. Several countries have completed all the plans while some Member States are less advanced or failed to provide all requested information. The Commission underlined the importance of contingency planning and simulation exercises as part of crisis preparedness and urged Member States to speed up the efforts. The Commission has planned four audits on crisis preparedness in 2024 and four in 2025.

A.10 Information on import-export issues between the EU and UK(GB).

No item raised.

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) 2019/2072 as regards the listing of pests and rules on the introduction into, and movement within, the Union territory of plants, plant products and other objects, and repealing Implementing Regulation (EU) 2022/1265.

The Commission presented a revised draft Implementing Regulation that addressed the comments received during the WTO-SPS consultation and the stakeholder consultation.

Vote taken: Favourable opinion.

B.03 Exchange of views and possible opinion of the Committee on a draft Commission Implementing Regulation on measures to prevent the establishment and spread within the Union territory and to eradicate *Pomacea* (Perry) and repealing Commission Implementing Decision 2012/697/EU.

The Commission presented the outcome of the stakeholder consultation and a draft Implementing Regulation to the Committee. No concerns were raised by the Committee.

Vote taken: Favourable opinion.

B.04 Exchange of views and possible technical opinion of the Committee on a draft Commission Implementing Regulation amending Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2022/1195, establishing measures to eradicate and prevent the spread of *Synchytrium endobioticum* (Schilbersky) Percival, concerning the template to report surveys and the revocation of measures in infested areas.

The Commission presented a revised draft to the Committee.

Vote taken: Favourable opinion.

B.05 Exchange of views and possible technical opinion of the Committee on a draft Commission Implementing Regulation amending Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2022/1192, establishing measures to eradicate and prevent the spread of *Globodera pallida* (Stone) Behrens and *Globodera rostochiensis* (Wollenweber) Behrens, concerning the template to report surveys, the use of testing methods and areas designated as infested before 2022.

The Commission presented a revised draft to the Committee.

Vote taken: Favourable opinion.

B.06 Exchange of views and possible technical opinion of the Committee on a draft Commission Implementing Regulation amending Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2022/1194 establishing measures to eradicate and prevent the spread of *Clavibacter sepedonicus* (Spieckermann & Kotthoff 1914) Nouioui *et al.* 2018, concerning the responsibilities of professional operators for certain measures and the content of the template to report survey results.

The Commission presented the survey templates for *Clavibacter sepedonicus*, implemented after internal Commission consultations and with comments received from Member States by 31 May 2024 as requested in the previous Standing Committee meeting. Additional comments received from the Member States were discussed and agreement on the final template received the support of the Member States for a vote in a forthcoming Standing Committee meeting.

The Committee discussed the request of a Member State to revise the specific measures for the control of *Clavibacter sepedonicus* and to withdraw this Member state from the list of high-risk areas.

The efforts made by this Member State to decrease the incidence of ring rot and the improvement of the situation as regard the ring rot disease were positively assessed. It was concluded that it was too early to lift the specific measures applicable to this Member State. The Commission and the concerned Member States will continue to monitor the evolution of the situation before considering a delisting, based on the further annual survey reports and on the impact of the audit recommendations on the disease control.

Vote Postponed

B.07 Exchange of views and possible technical opinion of the Committee on a draft Commission Implementing Regulation amending Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2022/1193 establishing measures to eradicate and prevent the spread of *Ralstonia solanacearum* (Smith 1896) Yabuuchi *et al.* 1996 emend. Safni *et al.* 2014.

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M.01 Possible EPPO project on information material for operators.

After consultation of the Member States, the Commission informed the Committee that following the low interest from Member States to contribute to the project, it has decided that the project will not be organised.

