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**SUMMARY REPORT OF THE
STANDING COMMITTEE ON PLANTS, ANIMALS, FOOD AND FEED
HELD IN BRUSSELS ON 28 AUGUST 2015
(Section Plant Health)**

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A.01 Information by France and Italy as regards the recent developments of *Xylella fastidiosa* in their national territory and activities foreseen for compliance with Commission Implementing Decision (EU) 2015/789.

France presented the recent developments of *Xylella fastidiosa* in Corsica and informed that the number of outbreaks had been further increased to 56, with 133 positive cases. On top of *Poligala myrtifolia*, *Spartium junceum* has been confirmed as additional host plant. France confirmed that the bacterium belongs to the subspecies *multiplex*, different from the strain occurring in Italy, although epidemiological analysis is still ongoing, including on insect vectors. France informed that tracing-back activities are currently being carried out and no movement of specified plants is allowed within and out of the current demarcated areas. The Committee discussed the possibility to adapt the current legal provisions to the recent developments of *Xylella fastidiosa* in Corsica and to the different host plants affected by the bacterium in this case.

Italy informed that its action plan to comply with Commission Implementing Decision (EU) 2015/789 had been finalised, its official adoption was expected soon. Italy also informed that a new outbreak was reported in the buffer zone surrounding the province of Lecce. The demarcated area was revised accordingly.

A.02 Information by Commission and Member States as regards the setting up of an EU co-financed intensified survey programme on *Xylella fastidiosa* in the Union.

The Commission explained that for 2015, an upgrade of the 2015 general survey programmes which are currently undertaken by Member States (Art. 19 and 22 (3) of Regulation (EU) N° 652/2014) would be accepted. This concerns the 17 Member States that submitted such 2015 programmes approved by Commission early 2015. The upgrade can be implemented already from September by way of budgetary re-allocation.

For those Member States that did not submit such survey programme for 2015: the EU emergency measures framework can be used to co-finance their intensive monitoring survey programme (based on Art. 16.1(c) of Regulation (EU) N° 652/2014) , including an opinion of the PAFF Committee, on a co-financing Decision.

A.03 Review by the Committee of Commission Implementing Decision 2014/422/EU as regards the measures in respect of certain citrus fruits originating in South Africa to prevent the introduction into and the spread within the Union of *Phyllosticta citricarpa* (Mc Alpine) Van der Aa.

The Committee reviewed the state of play of the interceptions of *Phyllosticta citricarpa* on citrus fruit from South Africa during the 2015 export season. Member States requested an increased vigilance by South Africa for the current season to ensure that no further interceptions are notified for the 2015 season. The situation will be further reviewed in a forthcoming meeting of the Committee.

A.04 Review by the Committee of Commission Implementing Decision 2013/413/EU authorising Member States to provide for derogations from certain provisions of Council Directive 2000/29/EC in respect of potatoes, other than potatoes intended for planting, originating in the regions of Akkar and Bekaa of Lebanon, expiring on 31 October 2015.

Some Member States confirmed that the prolongation of the Decision would accommodate the local commercial expectations.