

Legal implementation of the EU Plant Health regime

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Implementing and delegated acts for applying the EU plant health regime

PLANT HEALTH REGULATION (EU) 2016/2031

OFFICIAL CONTROLS REGULATION (EU) 2017/625 All essential delegated and implementing acts are in place

Complementary acts adopted in 2021 and 2022

Food Safety



Plant Health Regulation High risk plants

Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2018/2019

Receiving dossiers from non-EU countries to make the full risk assessment

by November 2023: <u>86 dossiers received</u>

83 accepted as 'complete' at COM level and 42 assessed by EFSA

33 finalised with

- Implementing Regulations amending Regulation (EU) 2018/2019
- Implementing Regulation (EU) 2020/ 1213 + amendments with specific requirements for specified plants from specified countries



Plant Health Regulation

Lists of measures (1)

Regulation (EU) 2019/2072 with 14 technical annexes

- Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2023/1492 as regards the introduction into the Union territory of certain forms of wood originating in Canada and the United States
- Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2023/1787 as regards the listing of protected zones and respective protected zone quarantine pests, the prohibition of the introduction of plants, plant products and other objects into certain protected zones, and the special requirements for their introduction into or movement within certain protected zones



Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2023/1310 – derogation for import of bonsai from Korea until end 2028

Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2023/1312 – derogation for import of oak logs from US until 30 September 2026

Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2023/1584 – measures against Popillia japonica

Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2023/1572 – derogation for import of ware potatoes from Lebanon until 31 August 2026

Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2023/1706 - update lists of host plants for Xylella fastidiosa

New Implementing Regulation to be adopted by end of 2023 prolonging measures on WPM from China/India/Belarus



Official Controls Regulation

Frequency of import checks

Art.54.3 frequency of import checks

Adoption of Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2022/2389

100% controls on plants for planting and plants/plant products / other objects subject to the special measures of Art. 28 and 30

Reduced frequencies for commodities listed in the Annex – to be amended by the end of 2023 on the basis of new data of interceptions





Plant Health Regulation

Commission proposal for amendment of Regulation (EU) 2016/2031

Commission proposal to amend several provisions of Regulation (EU) 2016/2031 - COM(2023) 661 final

https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/PDF/?uri=CELEX:52023PC0661

It introduces rationalisation and reduction of reporting obligations, amendments of import rules, clarification of legal bases for temporary measures, empowerments to establish procedures for high risk plants, temporary derogations and movement of plants without attaching plant passports

First discussion took place at the Council Working Party of 7 November 2023, to be continued on 4-5 December 2023



Update on Plant and forest reproductive material legislation

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Revision of the plant and forest reproductive material legislation

- Adoption of PRM and FRM proposals: 5 July 2023;
- Translations: 11 October 2023;
- Feedback through 'Have your say': 7 December 2023;
- Examination of legal proposals in Council and European Parliament ongoing.



Council

- PRM Regulation:
 - ES Presidency: 3 Working Party meetings (5 days)
 - BE Presidency: 4 Working Party meetings (8 days)
- FRM Regulation:
 - ES Presidency: 2 Working Party meetings (2,5 days)
 - BE Presidency: 2 Working Party meetings (4 days)



European Parliament

- COMAGRI: Rapporteur MEP Dorfmann (EPP)
 - Vote scheduled for February or March 2024
- COMENVI: Rapporteur MEP Clergeau (S&D)
- PLENARY: March or April first reading opinion