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**SUMMARY REPORT OF THE
STANDING COMMITTEE ON PLANTS, ANIMALS, FOOD AND FEED
HELD IN BRUSSELS ON 23 NOVEMBER 2016 - 24 NOVEMBER 2016
(Section Plant Health)**

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A.01 Evaluation of new outbreaks of harmful organisms notified by Member States and of the control actions taken.

An overview of the outbreaks from 14 October to 10 November 2016 was presented. Presentations from the Member States were subsequently followed by discussions, as in the case of the outbreak of *Ralstonia solanacearum* race 1 in *Rosa* spp plants in The Netherlands and Poland. Italy presented the situation on Tomato leaf curl New Delhi virus outbreak.

A.02 Evaluation of new import interceptions with harmful organisms by Member States and the need for further actions.

A brief overview was given of the interceptions with harmful organisms reported from 13 October 2016 to 14 November. In relation to commodities originated in non-EU countries, the citrus interceptions were analysed in detail including the first notifications of *Phyllosticta citricarpa* on citrus fruits originating in Chile and Mexico. Other notifications highlighted were the interception of *Anthonomus eugenii* on eggplants from Dominican Republic or *Thaumatotibia leucotreta* found in several commodities from different origins.

A.03 Update by Italy, France, Germany and Spain on the state of play of *Xylella fastidiosa* within their territory and of the implementation of the EU emergency decision.

Italy provided an overview of the survey activities and movement restrictions in place in the Italian side of the buffer zone of the outbreak in Menton (France). Substantial progress was reported also on the implementation of EU emergency measures in the demarcated area of Apulia as regards removal of plants and survey activities.

France informed that new outbreaks were recently detected in Corsica and PACA region, while survey activities are ongoing. Two new host plants were found infected

by *Xylella fastidiosa* subsp. *multiplex* (*Anthyllis hermanniae* and *Prunus avium*). The role of natural spread by insect vectors remains unknown while investigations are still ongoing.

Germany provided an update of the state of play of the implementation of the EU emergency measures in the demarcated area of Saxony. Two new host plants were found infected by *Xylella fastidiosa* subsp. *fastidiosa* (*Streptocarpus* and *Erysimum* hybrids) in the same nursery where the first finding was detected. Trace-back activities are ongoing, together with investigations on the role of insect vectors.

Spain provided an update of the first finding of *Xylella fastidiosa* subsp. *fastidiosa* on three cherry plants located in a garden centre of Mallorca island. The area has been demarcated in accordance with Decision (EU) 2015/789, all host plants destroyed within a 100 m radius and intensive survey activities are ongoing, including trace-back activities. Movement restrictions were put in place for all specified plants.

A.04 Presentation by the Commission of the preliminary conclusions of an audit carried out in Germany on 18-20 October 2016 in order to evaluate the situation and official controls for *Xylella fastidiosa*.

The Committee was informed about the outcome of the Commission's audit carried out in Germany following the detection of *Xylella fastidiosa* subsp. *fastidiosa* in a garden centre of Saxony. Member States were informed that the outbreak is under control with EU emergency measures currently being implemented, while movement controls have to be further increased. The Commission informed that the draft audit report was going to be sent soon to Germany for comments and made subsequently available after approval.

A.05 Presentation by Spain on the pest risk analysis for the Ambrosia beetle *Euwallacea* sp.

Postponed.

A.06 Exchange of views on the follow-up to the Scientific Opinion of the EFSA Panel on Plant Health regarding the susceptibility of *Citrus* sp., *Quercus ilex* and *Vitis* sp. to *Xylella fastidiosa* – strain CoDiRo.

Postponed.

A.07 Presentation by the Commission of the recommendations of the Commission working group meetings concerning the listing of harmful organisms of Annex II AII to Directive 2000/29/EC, followed by an exchange of views on the future regulatory status.

Member States were invited to submit, by 2 December 2016, written comments on the recommendations prepared by the II AII working group. Based on the comments received, the Commission will foresee a more targeted discussion in the forthcoming

Standing Committee, while considering the rest of the recommendations for which no comment was received in line with Member States' view.

A.08 Presentation by the Commission of the outcome of the evaluation procedure of survey programme submitted by Member States for Union financial contribution for 2017: list of the programmes technically approved and preliminary amount allocated to each programme.

The Commission presented the preliminary list of the approved programmes with the amount allocated per each programme for the Member States participating in Survey Programme 2017. A number of comments have been recorded during the PAFF Committee by the Member States and the Commission informed the Member States that additional comments concerning the working document (SANTE/ 11896/2016) would be accepted till Monday 12 December. The current list would be then revised and the final amounts allocated per Member State would be presented in the PAFF Committee of January.

A.09 Presentation by the Commission of the conclusions of the meeting of the EU-US Technical Working Group for Plant Health on 28-29 September 2016.

Postponed.

A.10 Presentation by the Commission of the report of the 2016 Working Group meeting on reduced frequency of import inspections, followed by an exchange of views and possible approval of the minimum reduced frequencies for 2017.

The Commission gave a presentation of the outcome of the Working Group and presented a proposal for trade in plants and plant products under reduced frequency for 2017. The Committee accepted the proposed reduced frequencies of plant health checks. The Commission shall publish the list for 2017 on the DG SANTE website.

B.01 Exchange of views and possible opinion of the Committee on a draft Commission Implementing Decision amending amending Implementing Decision 2012/535/EU as regards measures to prevent the spread within the Union of *Bursaphelenchus xylophilus* (Steiner et Buhrer) Nickle et al. (the pine wood nematode).

Postponed.

Vote postponed

B.02 Exchange of views and possible opinion of the Committee on a draft Commission Implementing Directive amending Annexes I, II, III, IV and V of Council Directive 2000/29/EC.

The draft import and movement requirements were generally accepted. The need for specific import requirements for citrus fruit against citrus black spot and the new requirements against false codling moth gave rise to diverging views and need further discussion.

Vote postponed

B.03 Exchange of views and possible opinion of the Committee on a draft Commission Implementing Decision amending Implementing Decision 2015/1849/EU on measures to prevent the introduction into and the spread within the Union of harmful organisms as regards certain vegetables originating in Ghana.

Based on the outcome of the audit carried out in Ghana in September 2016, the Commission presented a draft Commission Implementing Decision extending the current emergency measures (Decision (EU) 2015/1849) until 31 December 2017. The Committee supported the proposed amendment.

Vote taken: Favourable opinion.

B.04 Exchange of views of the Committee on a draft Commission Implementing Decision on the adoption of a financing decision regarding the Union contribution to emergency measures to eradicate, contain and protect against the spread of pests in Denmark, Germany, Spain, France, Hungary, Netherlands, Austria, Portugal, Slovenia and Finland in 2014 and 2015".

The draft Decision regarding the Union financial contribution to emergency measures to control pests in 10 Member States was broadly supported.

Vote taken: Favourable opinion.

M.01 Exchange of views on the draft Decision temporarily authorising Belgium, Czech Republic, France, and Spain to produce pre-basic mother plants and pre-basic material in the field under non-insect proof conditions for specific genera or species

Four Member States have asked to derogate from the harmonised certification system for fruit plants whereby all pre-basic mother plants and pre-basic material have to be produced in insect-proof facilities. The vote on this draft Decision was postponed due to the latest developments of *Xylella fastidiosa* in the Union territory and the relevance of *Prunus* species as a pathway of spread. Plant health experts were asked to comment by 30 November 2016.