



Legal implementation of the EU Plant Health regime

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DG HEALTH AND FOOD SAFETY - PLANT HEALTH UNIT

Implementing and delegated act 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 scheduled for 2021 (*work done/on-going*)**



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Format of plant passports

- Commission Implementing **Regulation (EU) 2017/2313**
- **Regulation (EU) 2020/1770** concerning the exemptions on the use on the traceability code



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High risk plants

- Commission Implementing **Regulation (EU) 2018/2019**
- Receiving dossiers from non-EU countries to make the full risk assessment by April 2021: **46 dossiers received**
- **42** accepted as 'complete' at COM level and **≥15** assessed by EFSA
- **7** finalised with
 - Implementing **Regulations amending Regulation (EU) 2018/2019**
 - Implementing **Regulation (EU) 2020/1213 + amendments** with specific requirements for specified plants from specified countries



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Lists of pests and conditions

- **Regulation (EU) 2019/2072** with **14** technical annexes
- **Amendment Regulation (EU) 2020/1825** articles
- **Amendment Regulation (EU) 2020/2210** *techn annexes UK*
- **Amendment Regulation (EU) 2020/2211** *techn annexes UK*
- **Technical revision under preparation:**
 - *technical approval in PAFF 25-26 May 2021*
 - *stakeholder / SPS consultation: June + July 2021*
 - *Language check by MS : August 2021*
 - *vote (+ WP): Sept 2021*
 - *Adoption + publication: Oct 2021*
 - *Entry into application: tbd (short transition)*



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Movement of scientific material

- **Regulation (EU) 2019/829**
- **Need for revision of issuance Letter of Authority on-going**
 - **Awaiting input from questionnaire**



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Format for surveillance reports and for multi-annual programs

Format for PZ surveillance reports

- **Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2020/1231**
- **Draft Commission Delegated Regulation on PZ surveys under preparation**
(EG meeting 5 May)

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Information to be provided to travellers and clients of postal services

- **Regulation (EU) 2020/178**
- **Poster in all EU languages + Russian, Arabic, Chinese and Norwegian**
 - **Need for update after Brexit**



KEEP PLANT PESTS AND DISEASES OUT OF THE EUROPEAN UNION



No plants, seeds, flowers, vegetables and fruits are allowed into the European Union unless accompanied by a phytosanitary certificate.

Bananas, coconuts, dates, pineapples and durians can be brought into the EU without a certificate.

Plant material from Switzerland can be brought into the EU without a certificate too.

Plant material needs a certificate if it comes from the following EU territories:

Ceuta, Melilla, the Canary Islands, Guadeloupe, French Guiana, Martinique, La Réunion, Saint-Barthélemy, and Saint-Martin.



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New acts programmed

- **IAs** Containment measures for all 22 QPs in Annex II.B of Reg (EU) 2019/2072 (Art 28.2)

New ones:

- *Ceratocystis platani*
- *Geosmithia morbida* + *Pityophthorus juglandis*
- *Fusarium circinatum*
- *Aleurocanthus spiniferus*
- *Popillia japonica*
- *Toxoptera citricida*
- *Trioza erythrae*
- *Pomacea*
- Grapevine flavescence dorée:
- Tomato Leaf Curl New Delhi Virus

initiated

text for erad + for containm

*erad objective to be maintained
for stakeholder consultation*

- *Meloidogyne chitwoodi*) 2x: to be decided after further input
- *Meloidogyne fallx*)



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New acts programmed

- **4 Implementing acts to replace the potato control Directives (Art. 109.2 and Art. 113.2 of PHR)**
 - **Working group meetings on-going**
 - **Deadline for adoption: end 2021**



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Reports programmed

By 14 December 2021:

- **Report on the enforcement and effectiveness of measures related to imports, including a cost-benefit analysis and, where appropriate, present a legislative proposal (Art 50)**
- **Report on experience gained from the extension of the PP system to all movements of plants for planting within the EU, including a cost-benefit analysis for the operators, accompanied, if appropriate, by a legislative proposal (Art 79.6)**
- ❖ **Consultation of stakeholders on-going via dedicated questionnaires.**
- ❖ **Next step : summary report in COPHs meeting in May**



Official Controls Regulation

EU Reference Laboratories

- **5 EU Reference Laboratories for Plant Health**
- **National Reference Laboratories designated and published**
- **Draft COM Delegated Regulation supplementing Regulation (EU) 2017/625 of the European Parliament and of the Council with regard to the cases and conditions under which competent authorities may designate official laboratories which do not fulfil the conditions in relation to all the methods they use for official controls or other official activities**

Timing: adoption by COM shortly; procedure EP + Council: 2 months



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Frequency of import checks

Art.54.3 frequency of import checks

Three years transitional period in order to collect data on IMSOC.

During that period Commission Regulation (EC) No 1756/2004 will be valid : frequencies 2021 in place (+ monitoring for FCM in roses from KE)

New approach from Dec 2022 to be prepared !



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Post import control checks

- **Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2019/66, as amended**



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IMSOC implementing act

Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2019/ 1715

Revision concerning

- **procedures for the establishment and use of EUROPHYT,**
- **the issuance of electronic certificates**
- **the use of electronic signatures**
- **the proper functioning of TRACES**

finalised: Regulation (EU) 2021/547