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RE: STATUS OF *XYLELLA FASTIDIOSA* IN KENYA

Reference is made to the European Union regulation 2020/1201 of 14th August 2020 regarding measures to prevent the introduction into and the spread within the European Union of *Xylella fastidiosa* (well et al.).

This is to inform you that the pest *Xylella fastidiosa* is known not to be present in Kenya based on inspection, sampling and molecular testing carried out by KEPHIS using: -

1. Real time PCR based on Harper et al., 2010 (and erratum 2013);
3. Real time PCR based on Ouyang et al., 2013
4. Conventional PCR based on Minsavage et al. 1994

Tests for the screening and identification of the presence of *Xylella fastidiosa* is carried out using: -

1. Multi Locus Sequence Typing (MLST) based on Yuan et al., 2010 determining all subspecies;
2. PCR based on Hernandez-Martinez et al., 2006 determining the subspecies fastidiosa, multiplex and sandyi;
3. PCR based on Pooler & Hartung 1995 determining the subspecies pauca. Molecular tests for the identification of the subspecies of *Xylella fastidiosa*.

We also wish to inform you that we have reviewed the phytosanitary conditions for the plants specified in the directive and added the relevant additional declaration. We shall continue to monitor the facilities and carry out a surveillance in accordance with the provisions of the regulations and update the EU in case of any changes of the current situation.

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