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**OFFICIAL STATEMENT**

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Directorate –General for Health and Food safety  
European Commission, Bruxelles, Belgium

General Directorate of Plant Health and Control of Agricultural Inputs  
Ministry of Agriculture Water Resources and Fishery - Tunis, Tunisia

**Subject: Update of the Validity of the Official Statement Submitted  
By the Tunisian NPPO<sup>1</sup> in 2016 to the European Commission**

With reference to the new measures published by the European Commission laid down under the **Commission Regulation (EU) 2020/1201** of the 14 August 2020 and repealing the **decision (EU) 2015/789** of 18 May 2015 as regards "measures to prevent the introduction and the spread within the Union of *Xylella fastidiosa* (Wells et al.)", We officically inform you that we continue to monitor and carry out the general national survey over the Tunisian territory based on phytosanitary measures wich stand with the European Legislation.

According to informations mentioned above, we officially ask you to consider that *Xylella fastidiosa* is known not to be present in Tunisia on the basis of inspection, sampling and molecular testing carried out by the competent authority, using a test listed in Annex IV of Regulation (EU) 2020/1201 and in accordance with relevant ISPM measures .



*sincerely Yours,*