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Government of India
Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers welfare
Department of Agriculture, Cooperation and Farmers Welfare

Krishi Bhawan, New Delhi-110001
Dated, the 4th February, 2021

To

DG-SANTE,

European Commission,
1049, Brussels, Belgium

Subject: **Official declaration concerning the status of pest *Xylella fastidiosa* in India – reg.**

Sir,

The Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare present its compliments to the European Union. Please refer to a letter from _____ Head of Unit responsible for Plant Health in the Directorate-General for Health and Food Safety, European Commission on above cited subject. EU has sought specific information on status of *Xylella fastidiosa* (gram negative bacterium) in India and to submit the same by 31.12.2020. The status of *Xylella fastidiosa* in India was conveyed to the Delegation of the European Union to India on 31.12.2020 (Copy enclosed).

2. In this regard, it is again stated that *Xylella fastidiosa* is not reported in India and it is a quarantine pest of concern to India as per Plant Quarantine (Regulation of Import into India) Order, 2003. CABI-CPC (<https://www.cabi.org/cpc/datasheet/57195#todistributionDatabaseTable>) and EPPO website (<https://gd.eppo.int/taxon/XYLEFA/distribution/IN>) also reports as "absent, unconfirmed presence record" under distribution table.

3. In view of this, India to be considered as "***Xylella fastidiosa* is known not to be present in India 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.**" However, NPPO-India will certify at the time of export of planting materials as per the EU regulations specified under Article-28 and Article-29 of 2020/1201.

4. The Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare avails itself of the opportunity to renew to the European Union of its highest consideration.

Yours faithfully

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2. Adviser (Agri& Marine Products) – adviser2.brussels@mea.gov.in
3. The First Secretary (Trade & Economic Affairs), Delegation of the European Union to India, 5/5, Shanti Niketan, New Delhi 110021 (e-mail : DELEGATION-INDIA@eeas.europa.eu)

F. No. 18-15/2017-PP.II (Vol.II)
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Krishi Bhawan, New Delhi
Dated: the 31st December, 2020

To,

First Counsellor,
Trade & Economic Affairs,
Delegation of the European Union to India,
5/5, Shanti Niketan, New Delhi - 110 021, INDIA

Subject: Official declaration concerning the status of pest *Xylella fastidiosa* in India – regarding.

Sir,

The Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare present its compliments to the European Union Delegation to India, New Delhi. Please refer to a letter from Ms Dorothee Andre, Head of Unit responsible for Plant Health in the Directorate-General for Health and Food Safety, European Commission on above cited subject. EU has sought specific information on status of *Xylella fastidiosa* (gram negative bacterium) in India and to submit the same by 31.12.2020.

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