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## **DECLARATION AS REGARDS THE STATUS OF XYLLELA FASTIDIOSA IN UGANDA**

Reference is made to the European Union Regulation (EU) 2020/1201 of 14<sup>th</sup> August 2020 regarding measures to prevent the introduction into and spread within the European Union of *Xyllela fastidiosa* (well et.al.).

The National Plant Protection Organisation (NPPO) of Uganda would like to communicate that *Xyllela fastidiosa* is not present and not known to occur in the country, based on inspection, sampling and molecular testing carried out by NPPO Uganda. The inspection and sampling methods have been conducted in accordance with international standards for phytosanitary measures and using the guidance provided by EFSA.

The test used was conventional PCR based on Minsavage et al., 1994 as listed in Annex IV of the Commission Implementing Regulation (EU 202/1201 of August 14<sup>th</sup>, 2020).

Therefore, we have reviewed and added the additional declarations for the plants specified in the Directive. Furthermore, NPPO Uganda wishes to inform you that it will carry out phytosanitary measures to ensure continued status of pest freedom pertaining to *Xyllela fastidiosa*, conduct regular surveillance and communicate any change in status if any.

Sincerely

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