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NOTIFICATION

Corrigendum

The following communication, received on 2 July 2026, is being circulated at the request of the Delegation of Australia.

Final report for the pest risk analysis for bacterial pathogens in the genus *Xylella*

On 14 December 2022, Australia issued an SPS notification ([G/SPS/N/AUS/557](#)) informing trading partners of the release of the draft report for the pest risk analysis for bacterial pathogens in the genus *Xylella* for consultation. That notification followed Australia's 2015 announcement of emergency measures for managing *Xylella fastidiosa* and related *Xylella* species in nursery stock and tissue culture (SPS notification [G/SPS/N/AUS/376](#), Add.1 to Add.9).

The Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry has assessed submissions received during, and following, the consultation period. As a result of submissions and newly published information about *Xylella*, including plant hosts, geographic distribution and new diagnostic assays, minor changes were made to proposed import conditions. The report also reflects the change in plant host regulation from family to genus level already enacted by Australia ([G/SPS/N/AUS/376/Add.6](#) and Add.8).

The pest risk analysis report for bacterial pathogens in the genus *Xylella* has now been finalised and is available at the following web address: <https://www.agriculture.gov.au/biosecurity-trade/policy/risk-analysis/plant/xylella>. Australia will implement the following key changes to import conditions in line with recommendations of the report:

1. For host nursery stock (inclusive of tissue cultures) from countries/regions where *Xylella* is not known to be present (low-risk country or region), requirements remain aligned with emergency measures:
 - phytosanitary certification confirming that export lots were produced and derived from mother plants in a country free from *Xylella*.
2. For host nursery stock (exclusive of tissue culture) from countries/regions assessed as high risk for *Xylella*, and seeds for sowing of *Carya* spp. from any source location, recommended requirements remain aligned with emergency measures:
 - limiting mandatory laboratory testing and disease screening to the Australian Government Post Entry Quarantine facility in Australia to confirm the imported material is free from *Xylella*.
3. For host plant tissue cultures from countries/regions assessed as high risk for *Xylella*, requirements are being strengthened from existing emergency measures:
 - replacing mother tissue culture testing for *Xylella* with mother plant testing for *Xylella* prior to establishment of tissue culture lines;
 - requiring that testing laboratories outside Australia be authorised by Australia to perform *Xylella* testing for nursery stock exported to Australia;
 - changing one of the two PCR molecular tests to detect *Xylella*, and new requirements for the interpretation of results to ensure consistency and assurance;
 - laboratory test reports for tested material to accompany phytosanitary certificates.

Implementation of the PRA: date adjusted from 20 October 2026 to 20 January 2027.

Australia will transition from emergency measures for *Xylella* through a phased implementation, commencing on 20 January 2027. For further detail on the phased implementation of import requirements, see <https://www.agriculture.gov.au/biosecurity-trade/import/goods/plant-products/how-to-import-plants/xylella-host-nursery-stock/conditions-for-xylella-host-nursery-stock>. When published, the revised import conditions will be made available in the Biosecurity Import Conditions system (BICON): <https://bicon.agriculture.gov.au/BiconWeb4.0/>.

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