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Committee on Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures

NOTIFICATION

1. Notifying Member: <u>EUROPEAN UNION</u>

If applicable, name of local government involved:

- 2. Agency responsible: European Commission, Health and Food Safety Directorate-General
- 3. Products covered (provide tariff item number(s) as specified in national schedules deposited with the WTO; ICS numbers should be provided in addition, where applicable): Host plants listed in Annex I of the Draft Commission Implementing Regulation
- 4. Regions or countries likely to be affected, to the extent relevant or practicable:
 - [X] All trading partners
 - [] Specific regions or countries:
- **Title of the notified document:** Draft Commission Implementing Regulation as regards measures to prevent the introduction into and the spread within the Union of *Xylella fastidiosa* (Wells et *al.*). **Language(s):** English. **Number of pages:** 24 pages (main text), 12 pages (annexes)

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Description of content: The draft Regulation introduces new measures to prevent the introduction into and the spread within the Union of *Xylella fastidiosa* (Wells et *al.*). It repeals current Decision (EU) 2015/789.

Chapter VIII of the draft Regulation sets up updated measures for the introduction into the Union of host plants.

- Article 28 Introduction into the Union of host plants originating in a third country where the specified pest is known not to be present;
- Article 29 Introduction into the Union of host plants originating in a pest free area;
- Article 30 Introduction into the Union of host plants originating in a pest free production site;
- Article 31 Authorisation of production sites as pest free.

Major points to be highlighted:

- An updated list of host plants regulated for movement into the Union is available in Annex I.
- A list of diagnostic protocols accepted by the EU for the identification of Xylella fastidiosa on host plants moved into the Union is available in Annex IV.
- From 2023 onwards, the pest free status of the exporting countries shall be determined with a minimum level of confidence and design prevalence, in line with relevant International Standards for Phytosanitary Measures and taking into account the Guidelines of the European Food Safety Authority for statistically sound and risk-based surveys of *Xylella fastidiosa*.

7.	Objective and rationale: [] food safety, [] animal health, [X] plant protection,
	[] protect humans from animal/plant pest or disease, [] protect territory from
	other damage from pests.

- 8. Is there a relevant international standard? If so, identify the standard:
 - [] Codex Alimentarius Commission (e.g. title or serial number of Codex standard or related text):
 - [] World Organization for Animal Health (OIE) (e.g. Terrestrial or Aquatic Animal Health Code, chapter number):
 - [X] International Plant Protection Convention (e.g. ISPM number): ISPM 4, ISPM 8, ISPM 10 and ISPM 31.
 - [] None

Does this proposed regulation conform to the relevant international standard?

[X] Yes [] No

If no, describe, whenever possible, how and why it deviates from the international standard:

- 9. Other relevant documents and language(s) in which these are available:
- **10.** Proposed date of adoption (dd/mm/yy): Tentatively by 31 July 2020.

Proposed date of publication (*dd/mm/yy***):** Tentatively by 31 August 2020.

- 11. Proposed date of entry into force: [] Six months from date of publication, and/or (dd/mm/yy): 3 days after publication.
 - [] Trade facilitating measure
- 12. Final date for comments: [] Sixty days from the date of circulation of the notification and/or (dd/mm/yy): 30 days from the date of publication of this notification.

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