

# SPS Committee thematic session on international standards and best practices in pest risk identification, assessment and management

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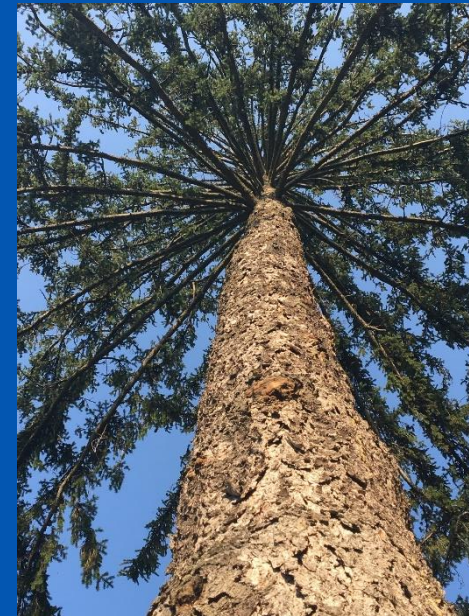
## ***EU REQUIREMENTS AND PROCEDURES FOR THE MANAGEMENT OF PLANT HEALTH RISKS IN TRADE***

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# European Union policy in Plant health:

27 Member States - 1 policy

- ✓ *Prevention against regulated pests*
- ✓ *Accessibility of the market*
- ✓ *WTO-SPS and IPPC compliant*



# Regulated pests

## ➤ Quarantine pests (395)

- *All listed pests based on recent PRA or pest categorisation*
- *Pest status in EU is verified*



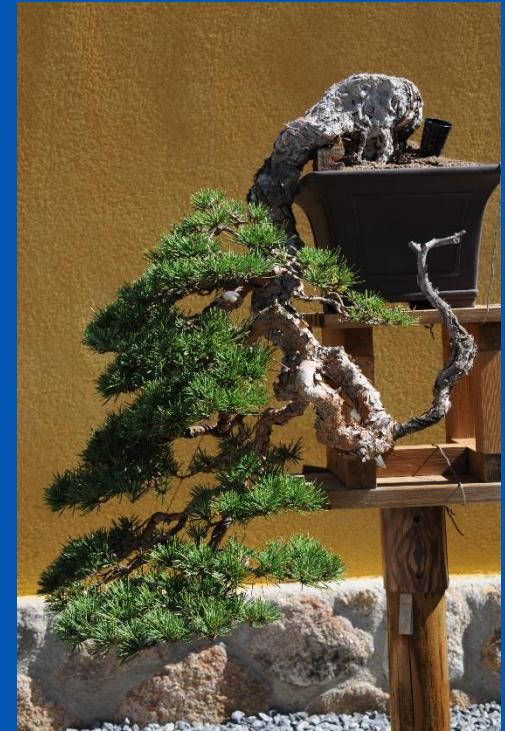
## ➤ Regulated Non-Quarantine Pests (209)

- *for plant propagative material*



# Risk management of regulated pests

- *Prohibition of introduction of regulated **pests***  
*(tolerances for some RNQPs)*
- *Pest specific import requirements for*  
*some **commodities***



# Risks from non-regulated pests:

## horizon scanning

- ✓ *Emerging threats in third countries and within the Union territory*
- ✓ *Monthly screening of EFSA and EPPO reports*
- ✓ *Risk assessment*
- ✓ *Consider regulation*





# Phytosanitary accessibility of EU market

- Import **OPEN** if PC + requirements fulfilled
- Official statements by NPPO accepted if based on ISPMs
- No bilateral agreements
- **1 common market** with free movements



# Exceptions

- Import *closed* for few key commodities

*e.g. seed potatoes, citrus plants for planting*

- Special import autorisation for *37 high risk plants*

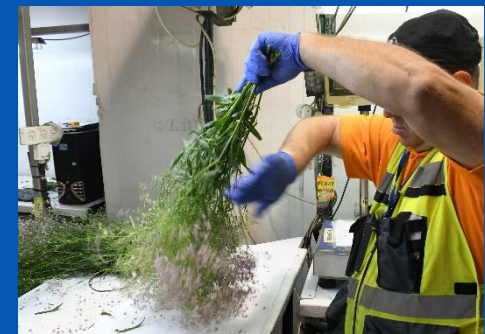
*after commodity risk assessment for unregulated pests*

- Temporary *emergency* measures: detailed conditions



# Harmonised import control

- *Single official control regulation for 27 Member States*
- *Risk based*





# Commission audits

- *In case of recurring import problems:  
targeted Commission audits to verify  
third country compliance with EU  
import requirements*



# EU capacity building for trade partners

- *‘Better Training for Safer Food’ programme in + outside EU*
- *Technical assistance programmes in third countries*



# Thank you



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