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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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