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# **REGIONALISATION FOR PLANT HEALTH WITHIN THE EU**

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**EU plant health  
regime**

## ***BASIC EU PLANT HEALTH LEGISLATION***

- **Now: Council Directive 2000/29/EC**
- **Future: Regulation (EU) 2016/2031 of the Council and the European Parliament**
- **Implementing acts under development**

## ***Basis***

- **free movement of plants in all Member States**
- **harmonised legislation**

## ***Challenge***

- **how to take into account specific needs for extra protection of certain areas against specified pests?**



## ***REGULATED QUARANTINE PESTS***

**Lists of regulated pests with different pest status:**

**I. Pests not present in the Union territory**

**II. Pests present but not widespread and under official control**

**III. Pests present in some parts of the EU but absent in specified areas**

**= PROTECTED ZONE**

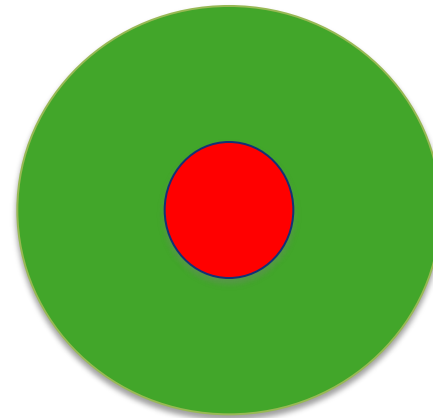
## ***OUTBREAK MANAGEMENT***

**Eradication approach = standard obligation for quar.  
pests**

**Containment = only if agreed at EU level**

**Demarcated areas**

- **Infested zone**
- **Buffer zone**



Principles of  
protected zones  
in the EU



## ***LEGAL BASIS***

- ✓ **A PROTECTED ZONE for a specified regulated pest is an officially defined geographical area in the EU in which that pest is neither endemic nor established**
- ✓ **although it is known in other parts of the EU**
- ✓ **The list of protected zones is laid down in a legal act and regularly updated**

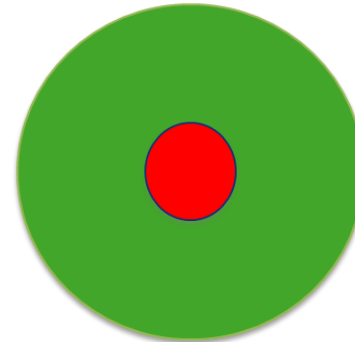
**CURRENTLY FOR 29 PESTS HAVE PZ BEEN RECOGNIZED IN THE EU**

## ***REQUIREMENTS***

- **Annual surveys**
- **Phytosanitary requirements for moving host plants into a PZ**
  - internal movements: guaranteed by a "***PZ plant passport***"
  - import: to be guaranteed by ***Phytosanitary Certificate (PC)***
- **Annual reporting**
- **Commission audits**

## ***FINDINGS OF PEST IN PZ***

- **Establishment of a demarcated area**



- **the demarcated area to be lifted within max 2 years (or along biology of the pest)**
- **if not: revocation of PZ status**

PZ types

## ***TYPES OF PROTECTED ZONES***

- ❖ **PZ = entire Member State**
  
- ❖ **PZ = uninfested part of a country in which a limited infested area is present**
  - Demarcated area under official control
  
- ❖ **PZ = uninfested part of a country within a generally infested area**
  - Need for natural isolation (e.g. by sea)



# Trade Requirements

## ***IMPORT INTO THE EU***

***If "PEST FREE PRODUCTION" is the import requirement:***

### ***Options:***

- 1. Pest free country**
- 2. Pest free area**
- 3. Pest free place of production // site of production**

### **EU acceptance if**

- declaration on PC based on IPPC standard (general)  
ISPM 4 + ISPM 10**
- declaration by NPPO in advance of trade (specific cases)**

***LISTS OF DECLARATIONS BY EXPORTING COUNTRIES ON THE PAST STATUS***

## ***EXPORT TO NON-EU DESTINATION***

**If "PEST FREE PRODUCTION" is the import requirement:**

### **Options available**

- **Depend from import requirement of country of destination**
  - *Pest free country*                      *based on ISPM 10*
  - *Pest free area*                              *based on ISPM 4*
  - *Protected zone*                              *based on EU law*
  - *Pest free place of production // pest free production side – ISPM 10*
  
- **if PFA based on IPPC standard/EU LAW: acceptable !?**



# EU plant health information:

<https://ec.europa.eu/food/plant>



The screenshot shows a web browser window displaying the European Commission website. The page title is "New EU plant health rules". The navigation menu includes "HEALTH", "FOOD", "ANIMALS", "PLANTS", and "AMR". The "PLANTS" section is active. The main content area features the heading "New EU plant health rules" and a sub-heading "Legislation". The text states: "In October 2016, the European Parliament and the Council adopted Regulation (EU) 2016/2031 on protective measures against plant pests ('Plant Health Law')." and "On 13 December 2016, the Regulation entered into force and will be applicable from 14 December 2019." A sidebar on the left lists various topics under "PLANT HEALTH & BIOSECURITY", including "Legislation", "Emergency measures", "Long-term measures", "Trade within the EU", "Non-EU trade", "Protected zones", "Plant health interceptions (EUROPHYT)", and "Harmful organisms outbreaks in the EU". A "RELATED LINKS" section on the right includes "Press release: Commissioner's statement on the entry into force of the new Plant Health Regulation". A "RELATED DOCUMENTS" section includes "Database regarding pest status in non-EU countries", "Consultations", "Final evaluation report 2010", "Annexes", and "Executive summary".

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## PLANT HEALTH & BIOSECURITY

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These rules constitute the EU Plant Health Regime, which has been in place since 1977 and was fully reviewed by the European Commission in May 2013.

The new rules aim to modernise the plant health regime, enhancing more effective measures for the protection of the Union's territory and its plants. They also aim to ensure safe trade, as well as to mitigate the impacts of climate change on the health of our crops and forests. Different stakeholders will benefit from this new approach:

- Citizens: better protection of landscapes and forests, public and private green spaces, reduced need for pesticide use;
- Growers and farmers: simpler and more transparent documentation (plant passport), better protection of their production, more financial support for fighting pests;

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## Map of the Demarcated Area established in Apulia (Italy)

