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THE NEW PLANT HEALTH REGIME
IN THE EUROPEAN UNION

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1957  EEC created  (6 Member States)
1977  First Common plant health legislation (9 MS)
1993  Internal common market  (12 MS)

2019  New + fully harmonized regime:

Regulation (EU) 2016/2031 of the European Parliament and the Council
applicable from 14 December 2019
Why?
Pine Wood Nematode (*Bursaphelenchus xylophilus*)
Red palm weevil
(Rhynchophorus ferrugineus)
Xylella fastidiosa
**NO**  Huang-long-bing (Citrus greening)
*(Candidatus Liberibacter spp.)*
As international trade continues to expand, so does the number of pests that becomes established outside their native range.
OBJECTIVE:

PROTECT EUROPE'S AGRICULTURE, HORTICULTURE, FORESTRY AND THE ENVIRONMENT FROM NEW PESTS

- by horizon scanning
- by early detection at import or in the field when eradication is still achievable
- by increasing the % of successful eradication campaigns

IPPC + ISPMS BASED
Scope
QUARANTINE PESTS

PEST IPPC definition
REGULATED but: harmful plants > IAS Regulation

+/- 250 (not present // not widely distributed)

• Union quarantine pests
• Protected zone quarantine pest

• priority pests
REGULATED NON-QUARANTINE PESTS

- Listing of RNQPs for specific plants for planting
- Based on IPPC definition & ISPM 21
- No introduction above the tolerance level

- ex- regulated quality pests + some ex- QP
REGULATED MATERIAL

✓ All plants for planting
✓ All plants
✓ Listed plant products
✓ Listed other products
REGULATED AREA

✓ The Union territory (European part)

• Protected zones
  - Equivalent to Pest Free Areas
  - EU legal status
  - Regular surveys
  - Restrictions for movements into the PZ
Quarantine pest management
NOTIFICATION

• For Q-pest + potential Q-pest

• by professional operators

• + competent authorities

• where needed: assistance by EU Reference Labs
INFORMATION

• Relevant professional operators must be informed by the competent authority

• Public must be informed in case of priority pests

• EU list of all notifications public
SURVEILLANCE OF THE TERRITORY

• Multi-annual survey programme

• EU co-financing

*Epitrix* (potato flea beetle):
OUTBREAK MANAGEMENT

Eradication approach = standard obligation

Containment = only if agreed at EU level

Demarcated areas

- Infested zone
- Buffer zone

EU co-financing
eradication

with EU co-financing
CRISIS PREPAREDNESS

• Contingency plans for priority pests
• Simulation exercises
• Awareness campaigns

Pests and diseases can hide on plants. Please do not bring home plants, seeds, fruit, vegetables or flowers.
Registration and traceability
- Registration of professional operators
- Regular controls
- Traceability of plants for planting at professional level
- Authorization to issue plant passports for internal movements
Plant passports within EU
PP = a standardised label accompanying regulated material moving within the EU or into a protected zone

For all plants for planting, seeds, specified plants and plant products

Issued by authorized operators

Between professionals

Standardisation of format needed
Phytosanitary certificates for export
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**EU logo to be added**
- IPPC based documents
- Guarantees as required by country of destination
- Controls at the place of origin, as appropriate
- When MS of export ≠ MS of origin: issuance of PRE-EXPORT CERTIFICATES by competent authorities for ADs related to origin
Import regime
MEASURES AT IMPORT

- IMPORT UNDER SPECIFIC REQUIREMENTS
- Import prohibition
- Recognition of equivalent measures
- Measures for scientific purposes

NEW:

- Temporary prohibition for **HIGH RISK MATERIAL** pending full risk assessment
- Temporary measures for **NEW TRADE RISKS** (ad hoc)
IMPORT CHECKS

- systematic documentary, identity and physical check of regulated material
- intensity fixed
- Laid down in Official Control Regulation
PHYTOSANITARY CERTIFICATES  model IPPC

against QP + RNQP
with additional declarations
 treatment specifications

• For all plants
• For specified regulated plant products and other objects

• Exemptions possible
• Exemptions for travellers luggage possible
Supporting measures
Common policy for the food chain:

- REGULATION FOR OFFICIAL CONTROLS
  - Procedures for control at import and within the Union
  - EU information management systems
  - Better Training for Safer Food
  - Commission audits
  - EU Reference Laboratories
Common policy for the food chain:

- **FINANCIAL REGULATION**

- Monthly **REGULATORY COMMITTEE with all Member States**
For further information:

http://ec.europa.eu/food/plant/plant_health_biosecurity/legislation_en

THANK YOU