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**SUMMARY REPORT OF THE MEETING OF THE
STANDING COMMITTEE ON PLANT HEALTH ON
10-11 MAY 2011**

Chair: Harry Arijs

All Member States present, except Bulgaria (on 11/5) and Luxembourg. Switzerland was present as observer.

1. Miscellaneous.

France reported the finding of *Batocera rubus* in a *Ficus microcarpa* artificially dwarfed plant.

Slovenia informed the Committee that it has adopted national measures against *Cylindrocladium buxicola* as well of several pospiviroids of solanaceous crop and ornamental plants.

The Czech Republic reported the first finding of *Paysandisia archon* in its territory on *Trachycarpus fortunei* plants.

2. Continued exchange of views on the information provided by Chile as regards phytosanitary measures envisaged against *Plasmopara halstedii* in Chile.

The Commission presented an overview of the information provided by Chile as regards phytosanitary measures envisaged against *Plasmopara halstedii* in Chile. A Pest Risk Analysis (PRA) is going to be carried out by France regarding this harmful organism. The Committee agreed to discuss this issue in the future taking into account the outcome of the mentioned PRA.

3. Presentation by the Commission of the results of a mission carried out in Zimbabwe from 22 to 26 November 2010 in order to evaluate the system of official controls and the certification of plants for export to the European Union, followed by an exchange of views.

4. Presentation by the Commission of the results of a mission carried out in the Dominican Republic from 08 to 23 November 2010 in order to evaluate the system of official phytosanitary controls and the certification of plants for export to the European Union, followed by an exchange of views.

5. **Presentation by the Commission of the results of an audit carried out in Viet Nam from 29 March to 7 April 2011 in order to evaluate the system of official controls and the certification of plants and plant products for export to the European Union, followed by an exchange of views.**
6. **Feedback by the Commission on the conclusions of a meeting of the EU-US Technical Working Group on Plant Health on 05-06 April 2011.**

A short overview was given concerning the main conclusions of the meeting related to on-going EU-import dossiers.

7. **Presentation by the Commission of a technical proposal prepared by the Annexes Working Group for a possible listing of *Thaumetopoea processionea* (oak processionary moth) in the Annexes of Council Directive 2000/29/EC (Protected Zone approach), followed by an exchange of views.**

The Commission presented a technical proposal prepared by the Annexes Working Group for the possible regulation of *Thaumetopoea processionea* in the EU using a Protected Zone approach. The Commission will reflect on the comments made by the Committee members to decide on the preparation of a regulatory proposal.

8. **Presentation by Italy on the situation and control in relation to the presence of *Pseudomonas syringae* pv. *actinidiae* in Italy as well as the national emergency measures put in place in February 2011.**

Italy made a presentation addressing the present distribution of *Pseudomonas syringae* pv. *actinidiae* in its territory and its impact, and the national emergency measures recently taken to prevent its further spread in its territory. Italy agreed to complete soon a Pest Risk Analysis (PRA) for this pathogen. On the basis of this PRA the Commission will investigate, with the help of technical experts whether, and what type of, EU measures against this pathogen would be appropriate.

9. **Presentation by UK on the Pest Risk Analysis (PRA) of *Epitrix* sp., followed by an exchange of views.**

The EPPO PRA analysis of *Epitrix* sp. was presented by UK. The discussion will be continued at the next meeting.

10. **Presentation by Spain of a Pest Risk Analysis (PRA) on citrus greening bacterium, followed by an exchange of views.**

Spain made a presentation on the PRA analysis on citrus greening bacterium. Spain agreed to complete the PRA considering the import of citrus seeds also as a pathway. After that, the Committee agreed to include this issue in the Annex Working Group.

- 11. Presentation by the Commission of the findings of an audit carried out in Portugal from 29 March to 11 April 2011 in order to evaluate the situation and control for *Bursaphelenchus xylophilus* and to follow-up the recommendations of an earlier mission, followed by an exchange of views.**
- 12. Presentation by the Commission of the overview of the Member States' surveys of the presence of Pinewood Nematode (PWN) in the EU territory.**

The Commission presented an overview of the surveys by the Member States for the presence of PWN in their territories. The surveys confirmed that the Union is free from PWN, with the exception of the two demarcated areas in Portugal (continental Portugal and the island of Madeira) and the two outbreaks in Spain that are under eradication.