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**SUMMARY REPORT OF THE MEETING OF THE
STANDING COMMITTEE ON PLANT HEALTH
HELD ON 16 NOVEMBER 2011**

Chair: K. Van Dyck

All Member States were represented.

- 1. Exchange of views and possible opinion of the Committee on a draft Commission Implementing Decision on a Union financial contribution for 2011 to cover expenditure incurred by Germany, Spain, Italy, Cyprus, Malta, The Netherlands and Portugal for the purpose of combating organisms harmful to plants or plant products (Doc. SANCO/12138/2011) (Legal Base: Article 23 (5) of Council Directive 2000/29/EC) (Opinion of the Committee via the examination procedure)**

The Decision would establish the Union plant health financial contribution (“solidarity”) for dossiers examined in 2011 to cover expenditure incurred by several harmful organisms. The harmful organisms of concern, with the exception of *Pomacea insularum* and *Tuta absoluta*, are all listed in the Annexes to Directive 2000/29/EC. They are: the Western corn rootworm (*Diabrotica virgifera*) in Germany, the Asian long horn beetle (*Anoplophora glabripennis*) in Germany and Italy, the Chinese long horn beetle (*Anoplophora chinensis*) in Italy and the Netherlands, the red palm weevil (*Rhynchophorus ferrugineus*) in Cyprus and Malta, the pinewood nematode (*Bursaphelenchus xylophilus*) in Portugal and Spain, the bacterial canker of kiwifruit (*Pseudomonas syringae* pv. *actinidiae*) in Italy, the potato spindle tuber viroid (PSTVd), the South American tomato moth, (*Tuta absoluta*) and the bacterial canker of tomato (*Clavibacter michiganensis* ssp. *michiganensis*) in The Netherlands, and the island apple snail (*Pomacea insularum*) in Spain.

The total co-financing envisaged by the Union would be close to €15 million.

Vote: Qualified majority in favour.

2. Exchange of views and possible opinion of the Committee on a Draft Commission implementing Decision on an additional Union financial contribution for 2006 and 2007 to cover expenditure incurred by Portugal for the purpose of combating *Bursaphelenchus xylophilus* (Steiner et Buhner) Nickle *et al.* (pinewood nematode) (Doc. SANCO/12538/2011) (Legal Base: Article 23 (6) of Council Directive 2000/29/EC) (Opinion of the Committee via the examination procedure)

The Decision would establish a supplementary Union plant health financial contribution (“solidarity”) for a programme of measures introduced by Portugal aiming in 2006 and 2007 at controlling the spread of *Bursaphelenchus xylophilus* (Steiner et Buhner) Nickle *et al.* (pinewood nematode) to other Member States. The measures consisted of the creation of a barrier free from all host trees of the pinewood nematode vector, hereinafter the “clear cut belt”. This co-financing, which amounts to nearly €4 million, would supplement the co-financing already granted by Decision 2006/923/EC.

Vote: Qualified majority in favour.