



EUROPEAN COMMISSION

HEALTH AND CONSUMERS DIRECTORATE-GENERAL

**SUMMARY REPORT OF THE MEETING OF THE
STANDING COMMITTEE ON PLANT HEALTH HELD ON
28 - 29 OCTOBER 2010**

Chair: Harry Arijs.

All Member States present, except Luxembourg (represented by Belgium). Switzerland was present as observer.

1. MISCELLANEOUS.

Slovenia informed the Committee of the first finding of *Drosophila suzukii* in the Western part of its territory along the Italian border, on *Vitis* and *Rubus* plants. The limited level of population has not caused damages.

The Netherlands provided an update of an outbreak of *Clavibacter michiganensis* ssp. *sepedonicus* in its territory.

Switzerland reported the first outbreak of *Dryocosmus kuriphilus* (limited population) in its territory in the canton of Zug (Northern Alps). It also informed about the disseminated presence of *Rhagoletis completa* throughout its territory. Other Member States also confirmed the presence of *R. completa* in their territory and invited the Committee to review the existing legislations provisions for this insect.

The United Kingdom reported a finding of *Plasmopara halstedii* on *Helianthus annuus*. It also informed on a suspect finding of *Epitrix* sp. on potatoes and expressed its concerns about this harmful organism.

Portugal reported a finding of *Pseudomonas syringae* pv. *actinidiae* on two plots of kiwi plants, which were destroyed.

Germany provided an update on a case of apple proliferation phytoplasma on fruits and certified plants of *Malus*. The material has been destroyed.

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The Commission invited Members States to express their expectations in view of a possible extension of the derogation for *Fragaria* plants originating in South Africa.

2. CONTINUED DISCUSSION ON THE PORTUGUESE 2010 ACTION PLAN AGAINST PINE WOOD NEMATODE (*BURSAPHELENCHUS XYLOPHILUS*).

Portugal presented a revised action plan against *Bursaphelenchus xylophilus* for the demarcated area of continental Portugal, now covering 2010 as well as 2011. The action plan was accepted by the Committee provided that some final amendments are made. A final version will be submitted by Portugal to the Commission and will be made available on CIRCA.

3. CONTINUED PRESENTATION OF THE REPORT OF THE WORKING GROUP MEETING ON THE EVALUATION OF SOLIDARITY DOSSIERS HELD ON 28-29 JUNE 2010.

As a follow-up of the Committee of September 2010, the Commission completed the presentation of the report of the working group “Examination of solidarity dossiers” of 28-29 June 2010. The conclusions of the Working Group were used to prepare the non-paper presented by the Commission under point 13.

4. PRESENTATION BY ITALY OF A REQUEST FOR RECOGNITION OF SARDEGNA AS A PROTECTED ZONE IN RESPECT OF GRAPEVINE *FLAVESCENCEDORÉE*.

Italy presented the background dossier supporting the request for Sardinia to be recognised as a protected zone in respect of Grapevine flavescence dorée MLO. The dossier included results of surveys carried out in Sardinia in 2004-2009. Neither the vector of the disease (*Scaphoideus titanus*) nor the disease itself had been found in these surveys. The Committee accepted the dossier. The Commission will proceed with preparing the draft Decision, which shall be considered in one of the forthcoming meetings of the Committee.

5. PRESENTATION BY THE COMMISSION OF THE REPORT OF THE MEETING OF THE EU-US TECHNICAL WORKING GROUP ON PLANT HEALTH OF 12-13 OCTOBER 2010 (PART ON EU IMPORT).

The Commission presented a report and the action list of the US/EU Plant Health Technical Working Group which took place on 12-13 October 2010. The Commission presented the state of play of the issues related with import of US to the EU.

Next meeting will take place in US in April 2011.

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6. UPDATE BY THE COMMISSION ON THE CONDITIONS FOR THE USE OF PHYTOSANITARY CERTIFICATES ACCOMPANYING CONSIGNMENTS OF SEEDS TRADED BETWEEN THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA AND THE EUROPEAN UNION.

The Commission presented the procedure agreed between EU and US for inclusion of additional declarations on phytosanitary certificates for the trade between US and the EU of seeds to be further re-exported. The new procedure can be applied as of 1 December 2010.

7. PRESENTATION BY THE COMMISSION OF THE ADDITIONAL INFORMATION PROVIDED BY USDA-APHIS REGARDING THE US REQUEST TO OBTAIN A DEROGATION FROM THE PHYTOSANITARY CERTIFICATE OBLIGATION FOR IMPORT OF CERTAIN US HARDWOOD SPECIES INTO THE EU, FOLLOWED BY A DISCUSSION.

The Committee discussed the content of the documents provided by the US. The dossier was now considered to be sufficiently complete to start the analysis at the level of technical experts for the elaboration of the conditions for a possible derogation. The Committee agreed that the Commission will organise a meeting for this purpose.

8. PRESENTATION BY THE COMMISSION OF THE REPORT OF THE WORKING GROUP MEETING OF 23 JUNE 2010 ON THE REVISION OF THE EU EMERGENCY MEASURES TO PREVENT THE INTRODUCTION INTO AND THE SPREAD WITHIN THE COMMUNITY OF *ANOPLOPHORA CHINENSIS* (DECISION 2008/840/EC), SPECIFICALLY AS REGARDS MOVEMENTS OF SPECIFIED PLANTS WITHIN THE EU, FOLLOWED BY A DISCUSSION.

The Commission presented the report of the Working Group. The Committee discussed its content with the aim of the future review of the current legislation.

9. PRESENTATION BY THE COMMISSION OF THE REPORT OF THE WORKING GROUP MEETING OF 24-25 JUNE 2010 ON THE REVISION OF THE STATUS OF PINE WOOD NEMATODE IN THE EU AND THE RELATED PHYTOSANITARY REQUIREMENTS FOR ITS CONTROL, FOLLOWED BY A DISCUSSION.

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10. PRESENTATION BY THE COMMISSION FOR APPROVAL OF THE DRAFT LIST OF EGYPTIAN PEST FREE AREAS FOR POTATO BROWN ROT FOR UPCOMING IMPORT SEASON.

The list of Egyptian pest free areas was approved excluding the pivot/basin from which there was a notification in the season 2008/2009. It was decided to accept the pivot/basins from which there was a notification in 2006 and 2007, however the Committee expressed its concern about the pest status in those areas and about accepting the import of potatoes from such fields before 5 year quarantine period (as for the EU outbreaks) has been respected. The Committee concluded that such consignments should preferably be submitted to an intensified import inspection.

11. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE OPINION ON DRAFT COMMISSION DECISION EXTENDING THE PERIOD OF VALIDITY OF DECISION 2005/359/EC, AUTHORISING DEROGATIONS FOR THE IMPORT OF OAK LOGS WITH BARK ORIGINATING IN THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA (SANCO/12266/2010).

The Commission presented draft Commission Decision extending the period of validity of Decision 2005/359/EC, authorising derogations for the import of oak logs with bark originating in the United States of America. This draft Commission Decision extends the derogation until 31 December 2020. The Committee agreed with the prolongation period.

Vote: favourable opinion by unanimity.

12. FOLLOW-UP DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE OPINION ON DRAFT COMMISSION DECISION AMENDING DECISION 2004/4/EC AUTHORIZING MEMBER STATES TEMPORARILY TO TAKE EMERGENCY MEASURES AGAINST THE DISSEMINATION OF PSEUDOMONAS SOLANACEARUM (SMITH) SMITH AS REGARDS EGYPT (SANCO/12484/2010).

The draft Decision allowing for import of Egyptian ware potatoes during the season 2010/11 under specified conditions was adopted.

Vote: favourable opinion by unanimity.

13. PRESENTATION BY THE COMMISSION OF A NON-PAPER ON A UNION FINANCIAL CONTRIBUTION FOR 2010 TO COVER EXPENDITURE INCURRED BY GERMANY, FRANCE, ITALY, CYPRUS, PORTUGAL AND SPAIN FOR THE PURPOSE OF COMBATING ORGANISMS HARMFUL TO PLANTS OR PLANT PRODUCTS.

In connection with the above point 3, the Commission presented a non-paper on the possible Union plant health financial contribution (“solidarity”) for Member States dossiers examined in 2010 and covering expenditure incurred or to incur to control respectively 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, the red palm weevil (*Rhynchophorus ferrugineus*) in France and Cyprus,

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the pinewood nematode (*Bursaphelenchus xylophilus*) in Portugal and Spain, and the round-headed apple tree borer (*Saperda candida*) in Germany. The total of the envisaged Union co-financing would be close to € 7 million. Discussion took place on the document. The Commission informed Member States that in a next session of the SCPH on 15 November 2010, a draft financing Decision will be submitted in view of a possible opinion.