

Competent Authority response to the report recommendations, received 21 August 2013

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N°.	Recommendation	Action Proposed by the Competent Authority
1	To ensure that the list of places designated as points of entry of plants and plant products will be forwarded to the Commission and the other Member States, in line with Article 13c(4), of Directive 2000/29/EC.	The list of places designated as points of entry of plants and plant products was sent by e-mail to the Commission on 26 July 2013.
2	To ensure that import controls are carried out in designated control areas having adequate inspection conditions, in line with the minimum requirements of Directive 98/22/EC.	By addresses no. 5566/ 23 July 2013 and no 5567/23 July 2013 requested to the owner of premises from airport and seaport to allocate areas having adequate inspection conditions, in line with the minimum requirements of Directive 98/22/EC, for border inspection posts Bucuresti and Constanta.
3	To ensure that the appropriateness of the additional declaration is always checked during documentary checks, in line with Article 13a(1)(b)(i) and Article 13(1)(ii) of Directive 2000/29/EC.	In order to ensure that the appropriateness of the additional declaration is always checked during documentary checks in line with the provisions of Directive 2000/29/EC, the phytosanitary inspectors from all BIPs, received the address no. 118127/ 29.07.2013
4	To ensure that written inspection guidelines indicating the size of sample to be taken from specified consignments for visual inspection, will be available to inspection posts in line with point 1 of the annex to Directive 98/22/EC.	The National Phytosanitary Agency will develop the inspection guidelines indicating the size of sample to be taken from specified consignments for visual inspection. Deadline: by the end of December 2013
5	To ensure that plant health checks are always carried out on a “representative sample” as required in 13a(1)(b)(iii) of Directive 2000/29/EC. In particular, the sizes of samples taken for visual inspection should be reviewed against the ISPM-31.	The Ministerial Order no. 61/2008 establishing the methodology of plant health checks will be modify. Deadline: by the end of December 2013
6	To ensure that checks on aquatic plants are adapted in the light of	National Phytosanitary Agency sent to the all BIPs a address to carry out

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	new plant health risks as required by Point (1), last indent, of Annex to Council Directive 98/22/EC. In particular laboratory tests for the detection of <i>Hirschmanniella</i> spp. nematodes should be carried out.	the checks of aquatic plants in particular for the detection of <i>Hirschmanniella</i> spp., other than <i>Hirschmanniella gracilis</i> (Address no. 118091/24.07.2013).
7	To ensure that checks on wood packaging material are adapted in the light of new plant health risks as required by Point (1), last indent, of Annex to Council Directive 98/22/EC and article 3 of Decision 2013/92/EU. In particular random laboratory tests of wood packaging material from risk origins bearing ISPM-15 mark should be carried out.	For the wood packaging material bearing the ISPM -15 mark, it was request to the all Border Inspection Posts (Address no. 117544 from 29 may 2013) to carry out checks with sampling and sent samples to CPL for laboratory analyses. Between 29 May and 21 August 2013, the Central Phytosanitary Laboratory received and analyzed 33 samples taken from wood packaging material bearing ISPM-15 mark. The results of analyses were negative.
8	To ensure that the quantities allowed for import as personal concession will be reviewed and will include only small amounts of plants and plant products, in line with Article 13b(3) of Directive 2000/29/EC.	In order to review the small quantities of plants and plant products intended for use by the owner or recipient for non-industrial and non-commercial purposes, or for consumption during transport, specified and approved by Ministerial Order no. 34/2011, will be modify. Deadline: by the end of September 2013.
9	To ensure that notifications are sent to the Commission and other Member States no later than two working days after the date of interception, in line with Article 2(1) of Council Directive 94/3/EC.	It was designated two persons (one from National Phytosanitary Agency and one from Central Phytosanitary Laboratory) in order to ensure that the notifications are sent no later than two working days, in line with Article 2(1) of Council Directive 94/3/EC.