

**GENERAL PUBLIC QUESTIONNAIRE ON PLANT PASSPORTS (PP)**

**ARTICLE 79 OF [REGULATION \(EU\) 2016/2031](#)- REPORT ON THE EXTENSION OF THE PLANT PASSPORT SYSTEM**

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	Question
	<b>Citizens' awareness on the plant passport</b>
1.	<p>EU rules on plant health contribute to sustainable agricultural and horticultural production as well as the protection of public and private green spaces, forests and the natural landscape. They also aim to ensure safe trade, as well as to mitigate the impacts of climate change on the health of our crops and forests. To do so, EU Member States, the European Parliament and the Commission, all came to an agreement that all plants for planting (e.g. fruits trees, ornamental plants, indoor pot plants, vegetable seedlings etc.) and certain plant products (e.g. wood) and other objects should be accompanied by so called 'plant passport'. Plant passport is an official label that attests to the compliance of the respective plant material with the applicable EU plant health requirement. Plant passport is required at the business-to-business level, when plant material is traded or otherwise moved between professional operators. It is also required to accompany plant material sold on-line (e.g. through different e-shops) or destined to so called Protected Zones in the Union (Art 81 of <a href="#">Regulation (EU) 2019/2072</a>).</p> <p>As a citizen, did <b>you know that a plant passport is required to accompany all plants for planting</b> when traded between the producers and other professional operators in the EU?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Yes</li><li>• No</li><li>• No opinion</li></ul>
2.	<p>Did you <b>know that, if you buy plants on-line, you should receive them accompanied by a plant passport?</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Yes</li><li>• No</li><li>• No opinion</li></ul>
3.	<p>How do you rate the requirement, <b>i.e. that plants sold on-line should be accompanied by a plant passport, in terms of contributing to an increased protection</b> of the EU territory against the spread of plant quarantine pests?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Probably very counterproductive</li><li>• Probably counterproductive</li><li>• Probably a good idea</li><li>• Probably a very good idea</li><li>• No opinion</li></ul>

4.	<p>Regarding the <b>understanding and awareness of relevant stakeholders on the importance of plant health</b>, since the plant passport has been extended to all plants for planting, do you consider it has:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Improved significantly</li> <li>• Somewhat improved</li> <li>• Remained the same</li> <li>• Somewhat worsened</li> <li>• Worsened significantly</li> <li>• No opinion</li> </ul>	
5.	<p>How do you rate <b>the provision of Article 81 (Regulation 2016/2031)</b> whereby a plant passport is required for plants supplied directly to a final user -:  <i>- receiving those plants and plant products by means of sales through distance contracts (eCommerce)</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Very appropriate</li> <li>• Somewhat appropriate</li> <li>• Unnecessary</li> <li>• Somewhat burdensome</li> <li>• Very burdensome</li> <li>• No opinion</li> </ul>	<p><i>- of plants and plant products for which a plant passport for protected zones is required</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Very appropriate</li> <li>• Somewhat appropriate</li> <li>• Unnecessary</li> <li>• Somewhat burdensome</li> <li>• Very burdensome</li> <li>• No opinion</li> </ul>
6.	<p>In your view, the way in which <b>the provisions of Art 81(1)(a) (Regulation 2016/2031)</b>, in respect of '<i>means of sales through distance contracts</i>', are enforced, is:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Appropriate</li> <li>• Somewhat appropriate</li> <li>• Somewhat inappropriate</li> <li>• Inappropriate</li> <li>• No opinion</li> </ul>	