State of play of the revision of the EU plant health legislation

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Objective of the EU Plant Health Regime

To prevent the entry, establishment and spread of harmful organisms (import + intra-EU)


Control Directives potato diseases
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How does the review process work?

- Evaluation
- Design of options for the future
- Impact assessment
- Development of new plant health law
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Evaluation: (2008-)2009-2010
- Analysis of existing regime (ex-post)
- Options for the future
- Consultation of stakeholders and Member State authorities

- Questionnaires
- Interviews
- Conferences
Recommendations of evaluation report

- Scope: include IAS plants and some RNQPs; explicitly include natural spread
- Complementary measures on imports for emerging risks; post-entry quarantine
- Mandatory EU-wide surveillance for priority harmful organisms
- Stepping up of emergency action
Recommendations of evaluation report

- Improvement of plant passport system and coherence with S&PM regime
- Tighten Protected Zone system
- Introduce financial incentives
- Awareness campaigns
- Improve support by R&D, diagnostics, training
Recommendations of evaluation report

- Improval of plant passport system:
  - Revise scope of plant passport
  - Harmonise plant passport document
  - RNQP: adopt zero tolerance approach
  - Explore synergies with S&PM
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- Design of options for the future
  - Evaluation study (February 2010 conference)
  - September 2010 conference + consultation
  - Discussions with MS on options in evaluation report (September – December 2010)
  - Stakeholder consultation (2011)
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- Impact assessment
  - September 2010 conference was start of formal consultation process
  - Supplementary study: 1\textsuperscript{st} semester 2011 (period of stakeholder consultation)
  - Development of impact assessment: 2011
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- Stakeholder consultation
  - Working Group on Plant Health of the Advisory Group on 18 February 2011 (8 weeks reply period to SANCO)
  - Supplementary study: 1st semester 2011 (input requested by FCEC)
- Written input welcome
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- Development of new EU plant health law
  - Drafting process during 2011
    - Interaction with impact assessment work
  - Draft text by the Commission in 2012
  - Discussion and adoption subsequently in European Parliament and Council
Coherence with other reviews

- Review of Regulation (EC) 882/2004:
  - Official controls

- Review of Seed and Propagating Material regime:
  - Alignment of definitions and provisions to simplify implementation and reduce burden to private sector
  - Improvement of the positioning of regulated harmful organisms

- EU Strategy for Invasive Alien Species (led by DG ENV)

- CAP reform (led by DG AGRI)
See:

http://ec.europa.eu/food/plant/strategy/index_en.htm

http://ec.europa.eu/food/plant/strategy/conf_280910_en.htm

http://ec.europa.eu/food/plant/strategy/consultation_stakeholders_PHT_en.htm
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