



Role of the Scientific Forum on IAS as stipulated in R.1143/2014

**1st meeting of the Scientific Forum on
Invasive Alien Species
(item 3 of agenda)**

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Article 28 **Scientific forum**

*The Commission shall ensure the participation of representatives of the scientific community appointed by the Member States in **providing advice on any scientific question** related to the application of this Regulation, **in particular as regards Articles 4, 5, 10 and 18**. Those representatives shall meet in a scientific forum. The rules of procedure of that forum shall be established by the Commission.*





Article 28 **Scientific forum**

Provide advice, in particular as regards:

- Art.4 - List of IAS of Union concern
- Art.5 - Risk assessment
- Art.10 – Emergency measures
- Art.18 - Derogations from the obligation of rapid eradication





Article 27 **Committee**

Provide binding opinion in relation to Implementing Acts

1. Art.4(1) List of IAS of Union concern
2. Art.8(6) Format for permits for IAS of Union concern
3. Art.10(4) Emergency measures
4. Art.11(2) Regional cooperation
5. Art.18(2) Rejection of eradication derogation
6. Art.24(4) Technical formats for reporting





Art.4 - List of IAS of Union concern

- Adoption of list
- Update and review of list
- Criteria for inclusion of species on the list





Art.5 – Risk assessment

- Elements of Risk Assessment
- Delegated acts, for further specifying how it may be concluded that invasive alien species are capable of establishing viable populations and of spreading, as well as for providing detailed description of the risk assessment elements (if needed in order to take into account the latest scientific developments)



Art.10 – Emergency measures

- Immediate reaction to species not yet recognised as IAS of Union concern
- MS consider that on basis of scientific evidence are likely to fulfil the criteria
- May consist of any of the restrictions foreseen for IAS of Union concern
- With a view to include them on the Union list
- Obligation to carry out a RA



Art.18 - Derogations from the obligation of rapid eradication

- Early detection of an IAS of Union concern triggers the obligation of its rapid eradication
- MS may decide not to apply rapid eradication
- MS need to notify this decision to the Commission
- This derogation is possible under certain conditions
- The Commission may reject the MS decision

