



# **Clarifications on the implications of listing IAS of Union concern**

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# Prevention – intentional introductions

*Art.7(1) Invasive alien species of Union concern shall not be intentionally:*

- *brought into the territory* of the Union, including transit under customs supervision;
- *kept*, including in contained holding;
- *bred*, including in contained holding;
- *transported* to, from or within the Union, except for the transportation of species to facilities in the context of eradication;
- *placed on the market*;
- *used or exchanged*;
- *permitted to reproduce*, grown or cultivated, including in contained holding; or
- *released into the environment*.

# Prevention – intentional introductions

- *Art.8(1) By way of **derogation** [...] Member States shall establish a **permit** system allowing establishments to carry out **research** on, or **ex-situ conservation** of, invasive alien species of Union concern. Where the use of products derived from invasive alien species of Union concern is unavoidable to advance human health, Member States may also include scientific production and subsequent **medicinal use** within their permit system.*
- *Art.9(1) In exceptional cases, for reasons of **compelling public interest**, including those of a social or economic nature, Member States may issue **permits** allowing establishments to carry out **activities other than those set out in Article 8(1)** subject to **authorisation** by the Commission, [...].*

# Prevention – unintentional introductions

- *Art.13(1) Member States shall, [...] carry out a comprehensive **analysis of the pathways** of unintentional introduction and spread of invasive alien species of Union concern [...], and **identify** the pathways which require **priority action** ('priority pathways') [...].*
- *Art.13(2) [...] each Member State shall establish and implement one single **action plan** or a set of action plans **to address the priority pathways** it has identified pursuant to paragraph 1. [...]*

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## Early Detection

- *Art.14(1) [...] Member States shall establish a surveillance system of invasive alien species of Union concern, [...]*
- *Art.15(1) [...] Member States shall have in place fully functioning structures to carry out the official controls necessary to prevent the intentional introduction into the Union of invasive alien species of Union concern [...]*
- *Art.16(2) Member States shall without delay notify the Commission, in writing, of the early detection of the introduction or presence of invasive alien species of Union concern [...]*

# Rapid Eradication **at an early stage of invasion**

- *Art.17(1) After early detection and within three months after the transmission of the early detection notification referred to in Article 16, Member States shall apply eradication measures and notify those measures to the Commission and inform the other Member States.*
- *Art.18(1) A Member State may, based on robust scientific evidence, decide, within two months of the detection of an invasive alien species referred to in Article 16, not to apply eradication measures if at least one of the following conditions is met [...]*
- *Art.18(2) The Commission may decide, by means of implementing acts, to reject the decision [...]*

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## Management of established IAS

*Art.19(1) Within 18 months of an invasive alien species being included on the Union list, Member States shall have in place **effective management measures** for those invasive alien species of Union concern which the Member States have found to be widely spread on their territory, **so that their impact** on biodiversity, the related ecosystem services, and, where applicable, on human health or the economy are **minimised**.*

*Those management measures shall be **proportionate to the impact** on the environment and **appropriate to the specific circumstances** of the Member States, be **based on an analysis of costs and benefits** and also include, as far as is feasible, the restoration measures referred to in Article 20. They shall be prioritised based on the risk evaluation and their cost effectiveness.*





## Management of established IAS

*Art.19(5) Where there is a **significant risk** that an invasive alien species of Union concern will **spread to another Member State**, the Member States in which that species is present shall **immediately notify** the other Member States and the Commission. Where appropriate, the Member States concerned shall establish jointly agreed management measures. Where third countries may also be affected by the spread, the Member State affected shall endeavour to inform the third countries concerned.*

