

EU Plant Health Regime



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Objectives

- To prevent the **introduction** into the Community of pests and diseases harmful to plants and plant products
- To prevent the **spread within** the Community of pests and diseases harmful to plants and plant products
- To facilitate trade within the Community

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Legislative framework

Directive 2000/29/EC of 8 May 2000 on protective measures against the introduction into the Community of organisms harmful to plants or plant products and against their spread within the Community.

Legislation applicable to all Member States.

Member States decide on the type of national legislation and implementing measures to achieve the aim of the EC Directive.

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Directive 2000/29/EC

Scope

- Domestic trade
- Intra-Community trade
- Import into the Community

Outside scope

- Export from the Community

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Directive 2000/29/EC

Structure

- Main body: scope, definitions, prohibitions, requirements: inspections, registration of operators, plant passports; derogations, notification, comitology, inspectorate, financial contribution ...
- Annexes:
 - I, II: harmful organisms
 - III: commodities prohibited
 - IV: specific requirements
 - V: commodities subject to plant health inspections + phytosanitary certificate or plant passport

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Implementing measures

Control measures

- Member States are required to ban the introduction of prohibited organisms **into** their territory and to ban the movement of such organisms **within** their territory.
- In some cases, where certain organisms are present in the Community but of limited distribution, there are additional Control Directives.

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Implementing measures

- Registration of operators – Plant passports
- Import from Third Countries:
 - Inspections, notifications
 - Derogations
- Protected Zones

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Other measures

- Financial solidarity to assist with expenditure on eradication action
- “Community Inspectorate”: to investigate how Member States **and** exporting (non-EU) countries implement requirements

Operation of the EU Plant Health Regime

■ **Implementation of the measures.**

Member State's competency through a single and central co-ordination and contact authority.

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■ **Adoption of new measures**

- EC Commission proposes draft measures
- Opinion (vote) on draft measures given by the **“Standing Committee on Plant Health”** composed of representatives of all Member States and chaired by a representative of the Commission
- To be adopted by the EC Commission
- Addressed to Member States

To prevent the introduction ... (1)

- List of harmful organisms not known to occur in the EU
- Lists of commodities subject to plant health checks
- Import controls on plants and plant products at the point of first entry into the EU
- Ensuring compliance for imports which have either:
 - technical import requirements
 - or prohibitions

To prevent the introduction ... (2)

- Minimum conditions for carrying out plant health checks at border inspection posts:
 - access to administrative, inspection and testing facilities
 - access to storage, destruction/treatment facilities for intercepted consignments
- Provision for checks to be done at the place of destination: guarantees must be provided with respect to transportation

To prevent the introduction ... (3)

- Documentary and identity checks: carried out at the same place and time as Customs checks (including checking for compliance in respect of bans on imported material)
 - Close co-operation with Customs services
- Plant health checks: usually at or near where the documentary and identity checks are done

To prevent the spread... (1)

- List of harmful organisms known to occur in the EU
- List of commodities subject to plant health checks
- Common plant health standards applied to both domestic and intra Community trade
- Plant health controls carried out at the place of production
- Registration of producers and importers

To prevent the spread... (2)

- **Protected Zones**
- **Plant passports**



Community Plant Passport

- Guarantee that the plants in the consignment have been grown by a registered producer who is authorised to issue plant passports for plants subject to appropriate regular inspection
- Statement by the producer that the planting material is, to the best of his/her knowledge:
 - plants and plant products are free from all harmful organisms of quarantine significance
 - where appropriate, grown in a place of production similarly free from such harmful organisms

Sector Phytosanitary Harmful Organisms

Main activities

- Community plant health regime: **development and management**
- Process of global harmonisation in phytosanitary field

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Development and management

A) Aims

- Prevention of the spread within the Community of organisms harmful to plant and plant products
- Prevention of the introduction into the Community of organisms harmful to plants and plant products
- Development of special control measures against harmful organisms affecting important Community crops

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Implementing measures

Control Directives

Directive 98/57/EC – *Ralstonia solanacearum*

Directive 98/85/EC – *Clavibacter michiganensis* spp *sepidonicus*

Directive 69/465/EEC – Potato Cyst Nematodes

Directive 69/464/EEC – Potato Wart disease

Directive 69/466/EEC – San Jose Scale

Directive 74/647/EEC – Carnation leaf rollers

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Development and management

B) Currently: implementing measures on:

- Strengthening cooperation between phytosanitary and customs authorities at import
- Plant health inspections:
 - At the place of destination
 - At reduced frequency