

# Citrus black spot – EU temporary measures on citrus fruit from certain countries are prolonged

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<u>Draft</u> Commission Implementing Regulation as regards the prolongation of the temporary measures concerning specified fruits originating in Argentina, Brazil, South Africa, Uruguay and Zimbabwe to prevent the introduction into and the spread within the Union territory of the pest *Phyllosticta citricarpa* [Download]

Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) <u>2022/632</u> setting out temporary measures in respect of specified fruits originating in Argentina, Brazil, South Africa, Uruguay and Zimbabwe to prevent the introduction into, and the spread within, the Union territory of the pest *Phyllosticta citricarpa* 

## What is changing and why?

Since 2022, EU Member States have reported non-compliance with the temporary measures relating to citrus black spot (CBS) in citrus imports from Argentina, South Africa, Uruguay, and Zimbabwe. As there have been no citrus fruit imports to the EU from Brazil since the measures were introduced, it is not possible to assess its compliance status.

The temporary measures, introduced in Regulation <u>2022/632</u>, were originally due to expire on **31 March 2025**, and will now apply until **31 March 2028**. The aim is to ensure that the phytosanitary risk is maintained at an acceptable level and to allow for further technical evaluations.

#### **Actions**

National Plant Protection Organisations (NPPOs) must work closely with stakeholders to ensure compliance with the additional CBS measures. Persistent non-compliance can damage a country's trade reputation and affect broader agricultural exports.

Feedback to the EU's Have your say consultation closed on 17 February 2025.

### Timeline

The proposed Regulation is expected to apply from 1 April 2025.





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