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

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Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2025/505 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 (McAlpine) Van der Aa

What is changing and why?

Temporary measures on citrus fruits imported to the European Union (EU) from Argentina, Brazil, South Africa, Uruguay, and Zimbabwe have been prolonged, and will apply until 31 March 2028. These temporary measures aim to prevent the introduction into the EU of citrus black spot (CBS, *Phyllosticta citricarpa*).

The EU has extended the duration of its control measures on citrus fruits from these countries to ensure the phytosanitary risk for the EU is maintained at an acceptable level. Since 2022, EU Member States have reported several cases of presence of CBS in citrus imports from Argentina, South Africa, Uruguay, and Zimbabwe. (Compliance from Brazil could not be evaluated as there have been no citrus fruit imports to the EU from this country since the temporary measures were introduced.)

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 agricultural exports more broadly.

Timeline

The Regulation applies from **1 April 2025**.

The temporary measures will now apply until 31 March 2028.

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