

EU import rules for Egyptian ware potatoes

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Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) [2025/1289](#) setting out temporary measures in respect of tubers of *Solanum tuberosum* L., other than those intended for planting, originating in Egypt, to prevent the introduction of *Ralstonia solanacearum* (Smith) Yabuuchi et al. emend. Safni et al. into the Union territory

What is changing and why?

Due to repeated detections of potato brown rot in ware potatoes, Egypt must now meet stricter European Union (EU) import rules. Enhanced testing, certification, and traceability are required, with immediate export bans if the pest is detected (see Full report for details).

The phytosanitary certificate should include, under the heading “Additional declaration”, the following statement:

“In accordance with European Union requirements laid down in Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2025/1289”:

- the lot number corresponding to each exported lot
- the code of the production site
- the name and the identification number of the officially approved packing station(s) and exporter(s).

Actions

Egypt must establish a system to implement stricter rules for the export of ware potatoes to the EU.

The National Plant Protection Organisation (NPPO) must officially approve and list ware potato production sites, exporters, and packing stations. Testing regimes for potato brown rot must also be established. If the pathogen is detected, the affected production sites' codes, exporters, and packing stations must be removed from the list, and the changes must be communicated to the EU.

The Egyptian authorities and the ware potato sector must coordinate to ensure effective surveillance, testing, and traceability; the timely submission of approved lists; and swift action in the event of pest detections. Operators should be trained in pest identification, management, and reporting procedures.

For specific changes to the phytosanitary certificate, see “What is changing?”.

Timeline

The Regulation enters into force on **23 July 2025** and applies until 30 November 2029.

Specific pest-free production history requirements apply from 1 December 2028.

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