

EU procedure on listing high-risk plants and plant products

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Draft Commission Delegated Regulation as regards the procedure to conduct the listing of high-risk plants, plant products and other objects

What is changing and why?

The European Union (EU) proposes to formalise and standardise how plants and plant products for import into the EU are classified as “high-risk”. Previously the decision-making process did not have a single, clear, and transparent procedure.

Through this proposed new Regulation, the EU is introducing a structured, evidence-based, and more efficient process to identify products that may present an unacceptable phytosanitary risk. Decisions will be based on documented evidence such as interception data, pest presence in exporting countries, trade patterns, and the effectiveness of existing mitigation measures. Listing products as high-risk will be supported by a preliminary assessment carried out by experts from EU Member States, the European Food Safety Authority, and the European Commission.

Actions

Feedback via the European Commission’s [Have Your Say](#) webpage closed on 4 March 2026.

Timeline

The Regulation is likely to be published in the second quarter of 2026, and will apply 20 days after publication.

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