

# EUROPHYT interceptions in April 2024

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TRACES: [Number of occurrences of harmful organism\(s\) in commodities imported into the EU or Switzerland](#) (April 2024)

## What is changing and why?

This report summarises [EUROPHYT](#) interceptions of products entering the European Union from low- and middle-income countries that occurred in April 2024. EUROPHYT is the European Union Notification System for Plant Health Interceptions.

There were 77 EUROPHYT interceptions due to harmful organisms affecting 21 low- and middle-income ([AGRINFO partner](#)) countries (see Table 1), and 289 interceptions due to other non-conformities affecting 35 partner countries (see Table 2).

Shipments are intercepted at EU border controls when products do not comply with the EU's phytosanitary requirements. EUROPHYT reports the presence of harmful organisms and other non-conformities found during inspections. Interceptions due to "other non-conformities" are usually caused by an inaccurate or missing phytosanitary certificate.

EUROPHYT interceptions can have significant impacts on importers, exporters, and producers. Those affected may face delayed shipments, additional costs of testing and inspection, and potential rejections or destruction of their products, as well as reputational damage.

## Actions

Producers and exporters must take proactive measures to ensure their products comply with EU phytosanitary requirements to avoid the risk of interceptions. This can include implementing effective pest management strategies, using certified seeds and planting material, and complying with regulations and standards.

## Timeline


April 2024

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## Tables & Figures

| Table 1<br>EUROPHYT interceptions due to harmful organisms on fruit and vegetables, leafy vegetables, and leaves – April 2024 |    |   |                           |
|---|----|---|---------------------------|
| Country of origin   | N* | Intercepted products  | Harmful organisms         |
| Bangladesh  | 3  | Sweet and chilli peppers  | Fruit flies               |
|   |    | Jute mallow and other <i>Corchorus</i> spp.                     | Whiteflies                |
|   |    | Common guava  | Fruit flies               |
| Brazil  | 8  | Chilli pepper   | Moths                     |
|   |    | Persian limes   | Fungus                    |
|   |    | Persimmon   | Fruit flies               |
| Cameroon  | 19 | Sweet potato  | Nematodes                 |
|   |    | Mango   | Fruit flies               |
|   |    | Avocado   | Butterflies and moths     |
|   |    | Avocado   | False codling moth        |
| China   | 1  | Ginger  | Fungus                    |
| Colombia  | 4  | Peruvian groundcherry   | Moths                     |
|   |    | Tamarillo   | Moths                     |
|   |    | Naranjilla  | Moths                     |
| Côte d'Ivoire   | 1  | Mango   | False codling moth        |
| Dominican Republic  | 1  | Arrowleaf elephant ear and other <i>Xanthosoma</i> spp.         | Whiteflies                |
| Egypt   | 4  | Potatoes  | Bacteria                  |
| Ethiopia  | 1  | Basil   | Leaf-miner flies          |
| Indonesia   | 1  | Kaffir limes  | Fungus                    |
| Kenya   | 2  | Basil   | Whiteflies                |
| Mexico  | 2  | Asparagus   | Moths                     |
| Peru  | 1  | Mango   | Fruit flies               |
| Republic of the Congo   | 2  | Chives  | Whiteflies                |
|   |    | Leafy vegetable   | Whiteflies                |
| Senegal   | 3  | Sweet and chilli peppers  | Whiteflies                |
|   |    | Sweet and chilli peppers  | Fruit flies               |
| South Africa  | 2  | Courgettes, pumpkins, and other <i>Cucurbita</i> spp.           | Fruit flies               |
|   |    | Red raspberry   | False codling moth        |
| Sri Lanka   | 3  | Okra  | Leaf-miner flies          |
|   |    | Angled luffas   | Fruit flies               |
|   |    | Snake gourd, pointed gourd, and other <i>Trichosanthes</i> spp. | Fruit flies               |
| Suriname  | 4  | Sweet and chilli peppers  | Whiteflies                |
|   |    | Chilli pepper   | Whiteflies, fall armyworm |
|   |    | Arrowleaf elephant ear and other <i>Xanthosoma</i> spp.         | Whiteflies                |
| Thailand  | 7  | Cassava   | Leaf-miner flies          |
|   |    | Chilli pepper   | Fruit flies               |
|   |    | Rice paddy herb and other <i>Limnophila</i> spp.                | Whiteflies                |
|   |    | Basil   | Whiteflies                |
|   |    | Holy basil  | Whiteflies                |
|   |    | Betel leaves  | Whiteflies                |
|   |    | Knotweed  | Whiteflies                |
| Uganda  | 2  | Sweet and chilli peppers  | False codling moth        |
| Vietnam   | 6  | Pomelo  | Fungus                    |
|   |    | Culantro  | Whiteflies                |
|   |    | Java apple  | Fruit flies               |

\* N = number of interceptions.


  
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| Table 2<br>EUROPHYT interceptions due to other non-conformities on fruit and vegetables, leafy vegetables and leaves – April 2024 |          |   |                                  |           |                          |        |                          |
|---|----------|---|----------------------------------|-----------|--------------------------|--------|--------------------------|
| Country of origin   | N*       | Intercepted products                                  | Country of origin                | N*        | Intercepted products     |        |                          |
| Argentina   | 1        | European pear   | Cuba                             | 3         | Sweet and chilli peppers |        |                          |
| Armenia   | 1        | Jujube  |                                  |           | Taro                     |        |                          |
| Bangladesh  | 3        | Cabbages, kales, and other brassica vegetables        |                                  |           | Guavas                   |        |                          |
|   |          | Wood apple  | Democratic Republic of the Congo | 2         | Ambarella                |        |                          |
|   |          | Common guava  | Dominican Republic               | 3         | Papaya                   |        |                          |
| Papaya  | Taro     |   |                                  |           |                          |        |                          |
| Persian limes   | Mango    |   |                                  |           |                          |        |                          |
| Brazil  | 4        | Mango   | Ecuador                          | 18        | Peanut                   |        |                          |
|   |          | Grapes  |                                  |           | Carambola                |        |                          |
|   |          | Burundi   |                                  |           | 2                        | Papaya | Papaya                   |
| Common plum   | Pitahaya |   |                                  |           |                          |        |                          |
| Cameroon  | 1        | Purple yam  |                                  |           | Mango                    |        |                          |
| China   | 9        | Peanut  |                                  |           | Avocado                  |        |                          |
|   |          | Cucumbers, gherkins, and other <i>Cucumis</i> species |                                  |           | Tamarillo                |        |                          |
|   |          | Apples  |                                  |           | Potatoes                 |        |                          |
|   |          | Mangoes and other <i>Mangifera</i> species            |                                  |           | Cacao                    |        |                          |
|   |          | Asian pear  |                                  |           | Broad bean               |        |                          |
|   |          | Tomato  |                                  |           | Sweet corn               |        |                          |
| Colombia  | 40       | Soursop   |                                  |           | Egypt                    | 46     | Mixed plants             |
|   |          | Palm hearts   |                                  |           |                          |        | Mandarin                 |
|   |          | Mango   |                                  |           |                          |        | Sweet oranges            |
|   |          | Passion fruit (purple)                                |                                  |           |                          |        | Tomato                   |
|   |          | Banana passionfruit                                   |                                  |           | Potatoes                 |        |                          |
|   |          | Peruvian groundcherry                                 |                                  |           | Ethiopia                 | 2      | Horticultural plants     |
|   |          | Mamey sapote  |                                  |           | Ghana                    | 2      | Onions                   |
|   |          | Pitahaya  | Sweet and chilli peppers         |           |                          |        |                          |
|   |          | Tamarillo   | Honduras                         | 1         | Okra                     |        |                          |
|   |          | Naranjilla  | India                            | 2         | Mango                    |        |                          |
| Chayote   | Grapes   |   |                                  |           |                          |        |                          |
| Costa Rica  | 1        | Chayote   | Kazakhstan                       | 4         | Onions                   |        |                          |
| Côte d'Ivoire   | 3        | Mango   |                                  |           | Kenya                    | 8      | Sweet and chilli peppers |
|   |          |   |                                  |           |                          |        | Basil                    |
|   |          |   |                                  |           | Mali                     | 1      | Ethiopian eggplants      |
|   |          | Mexico  | 1                                | Key limes |                          |        |                          |

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| Table 2<br>Continued  |    |  |                   |                 |   |   |
|-----------------------|----|--|-------------------|-----------------|---|---|
| Country of origin     | N* | Intercepted products                           | Country of origin | N*              | Intercepted products  |   |
| Morocco               | 45 | Onions   | South Africa      | 2               | Chilli pepper   |   |
|                       |    | Garlic   |                   |                 | Apple   |   |
|                       |    | Cabbages, kales, and other brassica vegetables | Sri Lanka         | 12              | Okra  |   |
|                       |    | Sweet and chilli peppers                       |                   |                 | Cabbages, kales, and other brassica vegetables              |   |
|                       |    | Watermelon                                     |                   |                 | Papaya  |   |
|                       |    | Lemons   |                   |                 | Asiatic pennywort   |   |
|                       |    | Mandarin                                       |                   |                 | Bitter melon and other <i>Momordica</i> spp.                |   |
|                       |    | Sweet oranges                                  |                   |                 | Moringa   |   |
|                       |    | Melons (excl. watermelons)                     |                   |                 | Curry tree  |   |
|                       |    | Pumpkin  |                   |                 | Winged bean   |   |
|                       |    | Carrots  |                   |                 | Eggplant  |   |
|                       |    | Mango  |                   |                 | Bengal quince   |   |
|                       |    | Common beans                                   |                   |                 | Asiatic pennywort   |   |
|                       |    | American plum                                  |                   |                 | Curry tree, orange jessamine, and other <i>Murraya</i> spp. |   |
|                       |    | Red raspberry                                  |                   | Togo            | 2   | Jute mallow and other <i>Corchorus</i> spp. |
|                       |    | Tomato   |                   |                 |   | Roselle                                     |
|                       |    | Eggplant                                       |                   | Tunisia         | 10  | Onions                                      |
|                       |    | Lowbush blueberry                              |                   |                 |   | Sweet and chilli peppers                    |
|                       |    | Sage   |                   |                 |   | Sweet oranges                               |
|                       |    | Thyme  |                   |                 |   | Pumpkin                                     |
| Spearmint             |    |  |                   | Globe artichoke |   |   |
| Peppermint            |    |  |                   | Peas            |   |   |
| Nicaragua             | 1  | Yams   |                   |                 | Almond  |   |
| Pakistan              | 2  | Common guava                                   |                   |                 | Peach   |   |
|                       |    | Eggplant                                       | Türkiye           | 14              | Garlic  |   |
| Peru                  | 20 | Asparagus                                      |                   |                 | Cabbages, kales, and other brassica vegetables              |   |
|                       |    | Sweet and chilli peppers                       |                   |                 | Sweet and chilli peppers                                    |   |
|                       |    | Chilli pepper                                  |                   |                 | Grapefruit  |   |
|                       |    | Key limes                                      |                   |                 | Cucumber  |   |
|                       |    | Mango  |                   |                 | Carrots   |   |
|                       |    | Mixed plants                                   |                   |                 | Parsley   |   |
|                       |    | Avocado  |                   |                 | Peaches, plums, other <i>Prunus</i>                         |   |
|                       |    | Common beans                                   |                   |                 | American plum   |   |
|                       |    | Eggplant                                       |                   |                 | Tomato  |   |
|                       |    | Grapes   |                   |                 | Eggplant  |   |
| Sweet corn            |    | Vietnam  | 11                | Sweetsop        |   |   |
| Republic of the Congo | 3  | Lemon grass                                    |                   |                 | Jackfruit   |   |
|                       |    | Leafy vegetables                               |                   |                 | Plum mango  |   |
| Senegal               | 9  | African baobab                                 |                   |                 | Citrus fruits (oranges, lemons)                             |   |
|                       |    | Cashew   |                   |                 | Langsat   |   |
|                       |    | Peanut   |                   |                 | Mango   |   |
|                       |    | Mango  |                   |                 | Sapodilla   |   |
|                       |    | Mixed plants                                   |                   |                 | Passion fruit (purple)                                      |   |
|                       |    | Roselle  |                   |                 | Common guava  |   |
|                       |    |  |                   |                 | Malay pommarosas  |   |
|                       |    |  |                   |                 | Indian jujube   |   |

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