

EUROPHYT interceptions in April 2024

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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 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 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		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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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		
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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