Harmonised frequency rates for plant import controls

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Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2022/2389 establishing rules for the uniform application of frequency rates for identity checks and physical checks on consignments of plants, plant products and other objects entering the Union

What is changing and why?

The European Commission is updating and standardising procedures for identity and physical checks on plant consignments entering the EU. It aims to balance phytosanitary risks with control enforcement practices and capabilities in EU Member States. The default rate for checks is 100% for all consignments. This can be reduced for lower-risk items on request by EU Member States. Adjustments to control frequencies are made annually, based on requests by Member States. However, high-risk items – including all plants intended for planting, and any plant or plant product susceptible to increased phytosanitary risk – are always subject to full checks.

Actions

Non-EU countries should ensure their plant exports comply with EU phytosanitary requirements to reduce the likelihood of physical checks and maintain market access. This requires enhanced plant health measures and certification processes.

Timeline

In force since 14 December 2022.

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