List of Union quarantine pests and plant health import requirements

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Draft Commission Implementing Regulation as regards measures to prevent the entry into the Union territory, and the spread within it, of *Aleurocanthus spiniferus*, *Agrilus planipennis*, *Chloridea virescens*, *Fusarium oxysporum* f. sp. *cubense* Tropical Race 4, *Hirschmanniella* spp., *Meloidogyne enterolobii*, Raspberry leaf curl virus, *Spodoptera ornithogalli*, *Spodoptera praefica*, Strawberry leaf curl virus, *Thaumatotibia leucotreta*, *Toumeyella parvicornis* and *Xanthomonas citri* pv. *viticola*, and as regards changes of protected zones in relation to Beet necrotic yellow vein virus and *Erwinia amylovora*

Draft Annex

What is changing and why?

The European Commission is proposing changes to the European Union (EU) rules on plant health and on importing plants and plant products. The main changes for agri-food products are as follows.

- Five new pests will be added to the EU quarantine pest list. These include tobacco budworm (Chloridea virescens) and yellow-striped armyworm (Spodoptera ornithogalli and Spodoptera praefica) affecting a wide range of crops, and Fusarium oxysporum f. sp. cubense Tropical Race 4 (TR4) affecting bananas. Products containing these pests will not be allowed to enter the EU.
- No new specific import requirements are proposed for fresh fruit and vegetables.
- Three pests will be removed from the quarantine list. These are the citrus spiny whitefly, raspberry leaf curl virus, and strawberry leaf curl virus. There is currently not enough reliable scientific information to enable these pests to be identified and tested.
- New traceability requirements will apply in relation to false codling moth (Thaumatotibia leucotreta, FCM). These requirements will apply to some fresh fruits (peppers, peaches, nectarines, pomegranates, certain citrus fruits) and to cut roses originating in Africa. Where these products are exported in packages, in addition to the phytosanitary certificate that is already required, exporters will have to include the codes identifying place of production or production site on each package.

Competent authorities of countries that are members of the World Trade Organization can comment on this proposal until **29 December 2026**.

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Actions

Competent authorities of countries that are members of the WTO can submit comments on the EU's proposal by emailing the EU SPS Enquiry Point until **29 December 2026** (G/SPS/N/EU/987).

Timeline

The proposed Regulation is expected to be published in the first quarter of 2027.

The new package labelling requirements relating to FCM will apply 3 months after publication.

The revised list of quarantine pests will apply 6 months after publication.

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