Measures to prevent the introduction of Tomato brown rugose fruit virus (ToBRFV)

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Regulation (EU) 2023/1032 establishing measures to prevent the introduction into and the spread within the Union territory of Tomato brown rugose fruit virus (ToBRFV)

What is changing and why?

ToBRFV is not yet classified as a quarantine pest in the EU, but new temporary measures are being applied to prevent its spread. The phytosanitary certificates sent with exports of seeds and plants for planting of tomato and its hybrids, as well as seeds of *Capsicum* species, must include an "Additional Declaration". This declaration varies according to the product. To prevent the virus entering into the EU, 20% of products should be sampled and tested by the importing EU Member State.

The number of products to be sampled and tested rises to 50% for those from Israel, and to 100% for those from China. This is because a large number of products with ToBRFV have been found in recent imports from those countries.

Actions

Exporting countries must ensure that shipments are free of ToBRFV. Phytosanitary certificates for these products must include the Additional Declaration related to ToBRFV.

Timeline

Applies from 1 September 2023 until 31 December 2024.

For more information see the full record on the AGRINFO website – where you can also view the latest AGRINFO Update newsletters and search the database.

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