

Plant health interceptions (EUROPHYT) in January 2025

Published by AGRINFO on 20 Feb 2025

January 2025 saw 84 interceptions due to harmful organisms involving 22 AGRINFO partner countries, and 282 interceptions due to other non-conformities involving 37 partner countries

TRACES: [Number of occurrences of harmful organism\(s\) in commodities imported into the EU or Switzerland \(January 2025\)](#)

Update

This report summarises EUROPHYT interceptions on products entering the European Union from low- and middle-income countries that occurred in January 2025.

In January 2025, there were 84 interceptions due to harmful organisms involving 22 [AGRINFO partner countries](#), and 282 interceptions due to other non-conformities that involved 37 partner countries.

Impacted products

Plants and plant products

Interceptions

Harmful organisms

In January 2025 there were 84 EUROPHYT interceptions due to harmful organisms involving 22 low- and middle-income (AGRINFO partner) countries (see Table 1).

Other non-conformities

There were also 282 interceptions due to other non-conformities, involving 37 partner countries (see Table 2).

For more detail see [TRACES: Number of occurrences of harmful organism\(s\) in commodities imported into the EU or Switzerland \(January 2025\)](#).

Timeline

January 2025

What are the major implications for exporting countries?

EUROPHYT interceptions can have significant impacts on producers and exporters. A shipment is intercepted at EU border controls when products do not comply with the EU's phytosanitary requirements. As a result, the affected importer/ exporter/ producer may face a range of consequences, including delayed shipments, additional costs of testing and inspection, and potential rejections or destruction of their products. These interceptions can also damage the reputation of the producer/ exporter in the EU market, which may affect their ability to conduct future trade with EU buyers. It can also have impacts on the export sector as a whole, particularly when repeated interceptions lead to more stringent plant health measures or bans.

Recommended Actions

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

Background

[EUROPHYT](#) is the European Union Notification System for Plant Health Interceptions.

The basis for EUROPHYT interceptions is the obligation for EU Member States (and Switzerland) to rapidly report the occurrence of harmful organisms and other non-conformities found during import controls, to prevent the introduction and spread of pests and diseases. Interceptions due to "other non-conformities" are usually caused by an inaccurate or missing phytosanitary certificate.

Notifications of such interceptions are disseminated EU-wide and to the National Plant Protection Organisation (NPPO) of the exporting country. The legal framework for EUROPHYT interceptions is provided by Regulation (EU) [2016/2031](#) on plant health. For more information about plant health law, see [EU plant health law explained](#).

Also see [Official Controls Regulation - explained](#).

Resources

European and Mediterranean Plant Protection Organization ([EPPO](#))

European Commission (2024) [Interceptions of harmful organisms in imported plants and other objects](#)

Sources

TRACES: [Number of occurrences of harmful organism\(s\) in commodities imported into the EU or Switzerland](#) (January 2025)

Visit the [AGRINFO website](#) to view the latest AGRINFO Update newsletters and [search](#) the database.

Table & Figures

| Table 1 EUROPHYT interceptions due to harmful organisms on plants – January 2025 | | | |
|---|-----|---|-----------------------|
| Country of origin | No. | Intercepted products | Harmful organisms |
| Angola | 1 | Mango | Fruit flies |
| Bangladesh | 2 | Key limes | Fungus |
| Cameroon | 1 | Avocado | Butterflies and moths |
| | 1 | Ethiopian eggplants | Fruit flies |
| China | 2 | Sweet and chilli peppers | Virus |
| | 1 | Pomelo | Fruit flies |
| | 5 | Pomelo | Midges |
| | 3 | Pomelo | Bacteria |
| | 1 | <i>Hydrangea</i> sp. | Whiteflies |
| | 1 | Tomato | Viroids |
| | 9 | Tomato | Virus |
| | 1 | Strawberry | Whiteflies |
| | 1 | Potatoes | Bacteria |
| Ethiopia | 1 | Roses | False codling moth |
| India | 2 | Custard apple | Fruit flies |
| | 1 | Sweet and chilli peppers | Virus |
| | 1 | Tomato | Virus |
| | 1 | Pointed gourd | Fruit flies |
| Indonesia | 3 | <i>Dracaena</i> sp. | Whiteflies |
| | 1 | <i>Dracaena marginata</i> | Whiteflies |
| | 2 | Lucky bamboo | Whiteflies |
| | 2 | Common guava | Fruit flies |
| | 1 | Common guava | Fruit flies |
| Kenya | 1 | Culantro and other <i>Eryngium</i> spp. | False codling moth |
| | 3 | Basil | Thrips |
| | 2 | Roses | False codling moth |
| | 2 | Fieldbriar | False codling moth |
| Malaysia | 1 | Water mint | Whiteflies |
| | 1 | Eelgrass | Nematodes |
| Mexico | 1 | Persian limes | Fungus |
| Peru | 1 | Mango | Fruit flies |
| | 1 | Ginger | Bacteria |
| Senegal | 1 | Bitter melon | Thrips |

Continued...

Table 1
 Continued

| Country of origin | No. | Intercepted products | Harmful organisms |
|-------------------|-----|---|--------------------|
| South Africa | 1 | Chrysanthemums | Thrips |
| | 1 | Courgettes, pumpkins, other <i>Cucurbita</i> spp. | Fruit flies |
| | 2 | Eggplant | Thrips |
| Sri Lanka | 3 | Moringa | Leaf-miner flies |
| Tanzania | 1 | Bitter melon | Fruit flies |
| Thailand | 1 | Asparagus | Fall armyworm |
| | 4 | Curcuma | Bacteria |
| | 1 | Orchids | Thrips |
| | 1 | Mango | Fruit flies |
| Togo | 1 | African eggplant | Whiteflies |
| Tunisia | 1 | Globe artichokes | Beetles |
| | 1 | Globe artichokes | Flies |
| Türkiye | 1 | Tomato | Virus |
| Uganda | 1 | Mango | Fruit flies |
| | 3 | Roses | False codling moth |
| Vietnam | 1 | Culantro | Whiteflies |
| | 2 | Java apple | Fruit flies |

Source: based on TRACES: [Number of occurrences of harmful organism\(s\) in commodities imported into the EU or Switzerland](#) (January 2025)

| Table 2 EUROPHYT interceptions due to other non-conformities on plants – January 2025 | | | |
|--|-----|--|--|
| Country of origin | No. | Intercepted products | Non-conformity |
| Albania | 1 | <i>Cupressus</i> sp. | PC incomplete: botanical name not included |
| Algeria | 1 | Blue pea | PC absent |
| | 1 | Atlas pistachio | PC absent |
| | 1 | Sweet and chilli peppers | PC: additional declaration missing |
| | 1 | Courgettes, pumpkins, other <i>Cucurbita</i> spp. | WPM: marking absent |
| | 3 | Horticultural plants | PC absent |
| Argentina | 1 | Onions | PC: false information |
| | 1 | Garlic | Non-compliance with special requirements (documentary) |
| | 1 | Garlic | PC: expired date |
| | 1 | Mixed plants | WPM: incomplete marking |
| | 1 | Mixed plants | WPM: marking absent |
| Brazil | 1 | Sweetsop | PC incomplete: botanical name not included |
| | 1 | Sweet and chilli peppers | PC absent |
| | 4 | Persian limes | Non-compliance with special requirements (physical) |
| | 1 | Quinces | PC absent |
| | 1 | Yams | PC incomplete: botanical name not included |
| | 1 | Mango | Others |
| | 1 | Common guava | PC absent |
| | 1 | Eggplant | PC absent |
| | 1 | Grapes | Others |
| Cameroon | 1 | Potatoes, tomatoes, peppers, eggplants, other <i>Solanaceae</i> spp. | PC absent |
| | 1 | Potatoes, tomatoes, peppers, eggplants, other <i>Solanaceae</i> spp. | Presence of goods not mentioned on PC |
| | 1 | Arrowleaf elephant ear | PC absent |
| China | 1 | Trident maple | PC: additional declaration inadequate or invalid |
| | 1 | Japanese maple | PC: additional declaration inadequate or invalid |
| | 1 | Harland boxwood | PC: additional declaration inadequate or invalid |
| | 1 | Horticultural plants | PC: additional declaration inadequate or invalid |
| | 1 | Dawn redwood | PC: additional declaration inadequate or invalid |
| | 1 | <i>Podocarpus macrophyllus</i> | PC: additional declaration inadequate or invalid |
| | 1 | <i>Pseudolarix amabilis</i> | PC: additional declaration inadequate or invalid |
| | 1 | Rhododendron | PC: additional declaration inadequate or invalid |
| | 1 | Sweet and chilli peppers | PC: additional declaration missing |
| | 1 | Sweet and chilli peppers | PC: expired date |
| | 1 | Sweet and chilli peppers | PC: non-certified copy or non-authenticated copy |
| | 1 | Cabbages, kales, other brassica vegetables | PC non-compliant with Annex V to Reg. 2016/2031 |
| | 1 | Cabbages, kales, other brassica vegetables | PC non-compliant with Annex V to Reg. 2016/2031 |
| | 1 | Calendula | PC absent |
| | 1 | European olive | PC absent |

Continued...

Table 2
Continued

| Country of origin | No. | Intercepted products | Non-conformity |
|-------------------|-----|--|--|
| China (continued) | 1 | Bamboo shoots | Non-compliance with special requirements (documentary) |
| | 1 | Bamboo shoots | PC incomplete: no name of certifying officer |
| | 1 | Bamboo shoots | PC incomplete: no official NPPO stamp |
| | 1 | Bamboo shoots | PC incomplete: no signature of certifying officer |
| | 1 | Bamboo shoots | PC: false information |
| | 1 | Teas | Others |
| | 1 | Bird of paradise flower | Others |
| | 1 | Bird of paradise flower | PC: additional declaration inadequate or invalid |
| | 1 | Mixed plants | WPM: marking absent |
| | 1 | Poplar | Non-compliance with special requirements (documentary) |
| Colombia | 1 | Oak | PC: additional declaration missing |
| | 1 | Oak | PC: expired date |
| Costa Rica | 1 | Chrysanthemums | Others |
| | 1 | Mango | PC absent |
| Ecuador | 1 | Crookneck pumpkin | PC absent |
| | 1 | Asters | PC incomplete: botanical name not included |
| | 1 | St John's wort | Others |
| | 1 | Sea-lavender | Others |
| | 2 | Asparagus | Others |
| Egypt | 1 | Mixed plants | WPM: incomplete marking |
| | 1 | Roses | PC incomplete: botanical name not included |
| | 1 | Roses | PC: additional declaration missing |
| | 1 | Citrus fruits (oranges, lemons, etc.) | PC absent |
| | 1 | Citrus fruits (oranges, lemons, etc.) | PC incomplete: botanical name not included |
| | 1 | Lemons | Non-compliance with special requirements (physical) |
| | 1 | Grapefruit | Non-compliance with special requirements (physical) |
| | 3 | Sweet oranges | Non-compliance with special requirements (physical) |
| | 2 | Sweet oranges | PC: additional declaration inadequate or invalid |
| | 2 | Lemons | Non-compliance with special requirements (physical) |
| | 1 | Potatoes | Non-compliance with special requirements (documentary) |
| | 1 | Sweet and chilli peppers | PC: additional declaration inadequate or invalid |
| | 2 | Eggplant | PC: additional declaration missing |
| | 1 | Eggplant | Unfit for inspection due to poor goods' quality |
| Ethiopia | 6 | Potatoes | Non-compliance with special requirements (documentary) |
| | 1 | Sweet and chilli peppers | PC: additional declaration missing |
| Ghana | 2 | Horticultural plants | PC absent |
| | 1 | Lilies | PC: additional declaration missing |
| | 1 | Yams | Goods' quantity does not correspond with PC |
| | 1 | Yams | Others |
| | 1 | Plantains | Others |
| | 1 | Rice | Others |
| | 1 | Aniseed | Others |
| | 1 | Arrowleaf elephant ear, other <i>Xanthosoma</i> spp. | Others |

Continued...

Table 2
 Continued

| Country of origin | No. | Intercepted products | Non-conformity |
|-------------------|-----|--|--|
| India | 1 | Tomato | PC: additional declaration missing |
| | 1 | Mixed plants | PC fake / forged |
| | 1 | Hyacinth bean | PC fake / forged |
| | 1 | Mixed plants | PC fake / forged |
| | 1 | Ginger | PC absent |
| | 1 | Indian jujube | PC fake / forged |
| | 1 | Fig | PC: additional declaration missing |
| | 1 | Nephrolepis | PC: additional declaration missing |
| | 1 | Philodendron | PC: additional declaration missing |
| | 1 | Peace lilies | PC: additional declaration inadequate or invalid |
| | 1 | Syngonium | PC: additional declaration missing |
| | 1 | Onions, garlic, scallions, shallots, leeks, chives | Others |
| | 1 | Cabbages, kales, other brassica vegetables | Others |
| | 1 | Yardlong bean, hyacinth bean, other <i>Dolichos</i> spp. | Others |
| | 1 | Phalsa | Others |
| | 1 | Bottle gourd | Others |
| | 1 | Bananas and plantains | Others |
| | 1 | Horticultural plants | Others |
| Indonesia | 1 | Mixed plants | PC incomplete: no signature of certifying officer |
| | 1 | Platycerium | PC: additional declaration missing |
| | 1 | Licuala | PC absent |
| | 1 | Mixed plants | PC absent |
| | 1 | Pinanga | PC absent |
| | 1 | Basil | PC: additional declaration missing |
| | 1 | Basil | PC: false information |
| | 1 | Kaffir limes | Prohibited plants, plants products or other objects |
| Iran | 1 | Sweet and chilli peppers | Non-compliance with special requirements (documentary) |
| | 1 | Sweet and chilli peppers | PC: additional declaration missing |
| Kazakhstan | 1 | Mixed plants | PC: additional declaration missing |
| | 2 | Mixed plants | PC: additional declaration missing |
| | 1 | European larch | PC: additional declaration inadequate or invalid |
| | 1 | Siberian larch | PC: false information |
| | 1 | Pine | PC: additional declaration missing |
| | 1 | Pine | PC: false information |
| | 1 | Pine | PC: non-official EU-language |
| Kenya | 1 | <i>Bidens ferulifolia</i> | Others |
| | 1 | <i>Diascia barberae</i> | Others |
| | 1 | Sweet potato leaves | Others |
| | 1 | <i>Leucophyta brownii</i> | Others |
| | 1 | <i>Lippia</i> sp. | Others |

Continued...

Table 2
Continued

| Country of origin | No. | Intercepted products | Non-conformity |
|-------------------|-----|--|--|
| Kenya (continued) | 1 | <i>Lobelia erinus</i> | Others |
| | 1 | Lemon balm | Others |
| | 1 | <i>Oenothera lindheimeri</i> | Others |
| | 1 | Oregano | Others |
| | 1 | Daisybushes | Others |
| | 2 | <i>Pelargonium peltatum</i> | Others |
| | 2 | <i>Pelargonium zonale</i> | Others |
| | 1 | <i>Sanvitalia procumbens</i> | Others |
| | 1 | <i>Scaevola</i> sp. | Others |
| | 1 | Thyme | Others |
| | 1 | <i>Xerochrysum bracteatum</i> | Others |
| | 1 | Eucalyptus | PC absent |
| | 1 | Sweet William, carnation, other <i>Dianthus</i> spp. | PC: additional declaration missing |
| | 1 | <i>Hypericum</i> sp. | PC absent |
| | 1 | Goldenrod, other <i>Solidago</i> spp. | Goods' quantity does not correspond with PC |
| | 1 | Goldenrod, other <i>Solidago</i> spp. | PC incomplete: botanical name not included |
| | 1 | <i>Bidens ferulifolia</i> | PC: additional declaration missing |
| | 1 | <i>Glandularia peruviana</i> | PC: additional declaration missing |
| | 1 | Lantana | PC: additional declaration missing |
| | 1 | <i>Lobelia erinus</i> | PC: additional declaration missing |
| | 1 | <i>Scaevola aemula</i> | PC: additional declaration missing |
| Kyrgyzstan | 1 | Poplar | PC absent |
| Laos | 1 | Water spinach | PC absent |
| | 1 | Mixed plants | PC absent |
| Malaysia | 2 | Eggplant | PC: additional declaration inadequate or invalid |
| Mexico | 1 | Tomato | PC absent |
| | 1 | Eggplant | Non-compliance with special requirements (documentary) |
| | 1 | Bitter melon | Non-compliance with special requirements (documentary) |
| | 1 | Bitter melon | PC: additional declaration missing |
| Morocco | 1 | Turnip | Non-compliance with special requirements (physical) |
| | 1 | Sweet and chilli peppers | PC incomplete: botanical name not included |
| | 1 | Sweet and chilli peppers | PC: additional declaration inadequate or invalid |
| | 3 | Sweet and chilli peppers | PC: false information |
| | 1 | Mandarin | PC: additional declaration inadequate or invalid |
| | 2 | Sweet oranges | Non-compliance with special requirements (physical) |
| | 2 | Sweet oranges | PC: additional declaration missing |
| | 1 | Courgettes, pumpkins, other <i>Cucurbita</i> spp. | PC: false information |
| | 1 | Common beans | PC: false information |
| | 1 | Tomato | PC incomplete: absence of consignor, importer |
| | 2 | Tomato | PC incomplete: botanical name not included |
| | 4 | Tomato | PC: false information |
| | 1 | Mixed plants | PC absent |
| | 1 | Spearmint | Presence of goods not mentioned on PC |
| | 1 | Mixed plants | WPM: marking absent |

Continued...

Table 2
Continued

| Country of origin | No. | Intercepted products | Non-conformity |
|-------------------|-----|--|---|
| Nigeria | 1 | Chilli pepper | PC absent |
| | 1 | Yams | PC incomplete: botanical name not included |
| | 1 | Cassava leaves | PC absent |
| | 1 | Almond | PC absent |
| | 1 | Potatoes, tomatoes, peppers, eggplants, other <i>Solanaceae</i> spp. | PC absent |
| Peru | 1 | Tomato | PC: expired date |
| | 1 | Sweet corn | PC absent |
| | 1 | Onions | PC: mismatch between means of transport and the declared means of transport in the CHED |
| | 1 | Asparagus | Others |
| | 1 | Mango | Others |
| | 2 | Mango | PC: additional declaration missing |
| | 1 | European olive | PC absent |
| | 1 | Grapes | Goods' quantity does not correspond with PC |
| | 1 | Potatoes | Prohibited plants, plants products or other objects |
| | 1 | Mixed plants | WPM: incomplete marking |
| Rwanda | 1 | Mixed plants | WPM: marking absent |
| Senegal | 1 | Almond | PC absent |
| South Africa | 1 | Onions | PC: false information |
| | 1 | <i>Acorus gramineus</i> | PC: additional declaration missing |
| | 2 | <i>Buddleia</i> sp. | PC: additional declaration missing |
| | 1 | <i>Carissa</i> sp. | PC: additional declaration missing |
| | 1 | <i>Chlorophytum</i> sp. | PC: additional declaration missing |
| | 1 | <i>Delosperma</i> sp. | PC: additional declaration missing |
| | 1 | <i>Duranta</i> sp. | PC: additional declaration missing |
| | 1 | <i>Leptospermum</i> sp. | PC: additional declaration missing |
| | 1 | <i>Melaleuca</i> sp. | PC: additional declaration missing |
| | 1 | <i>Pittosporum</i> sp. | PC: additional declaration missing |
| | 2 | <i>Podocarpus</i> sp. | PC: additional declaration missing |
| | 1 | <i>Sedum</i> sp. | PC: additional declaration missing |
| | 1 | <i>Sempervivum</i> sp. | PC: additional declaration missing |
| | 1 | <i>Tecoma capensis</i> | PC: additional declaration missing |
| | 1 | Oak | PC: additional declaration missing |
| | 1 | Oak | PC: expired date |

Continued...

Table 2
Continued

| Country of origin | No. | Intercepted products | Non-conformity |
|-------------------|-----|---|---|
| Sri Lanka | 1 | Curcuma, other <i>Curcuma</i> spp. | PC absent |
| | 1 | Mixed plants | PC absent |
| Suriname | 1 | Mangoes, other <i>Mangifera</i> spp. | PC absent |
| Tanzania | 1 | Bitter melon | Goods' quantity does not correspond with PC |
| Thailand | 1 | <i>Epipremnum pinnatum</i> | PC: additional declaration missing |
| | 1 | Monstera | PC: additional declaration missing |
| | 1 | Philodendron | PC: additional declaration missing |
| | 1 | <i>Astrophytum asterias</i> | Others |
| | 1 | Tomato | PC: additional declaration missing |
| | 1 | Tomato | PC: expired date |
| | 1 | Tomato | PC: non-certified copy or non-authenticated copy |
| | 1 | Eggplant | PC: expired date |
| | 1 | Eggplant | PC: non-certified copy or non-authenticated copy |
| | 1 | Mixed plants | PC absent |
| | 1 | <i>Pteridophyllum racemosum</i> | PC absent |
| | 2 | <i>Stephania</i> sp. | PC absent |
| Togo | 1 | Mixed plants | PC absent |
| | 1 | Pineapples | PC absent |
| Tunisia | 1 | Roselle, Chinese hibiscus, other <i>Hibiscus</i> spp. | PC: additional declaration missing |
| | 1 | Sweet and chilli peppers | PC absent |
| | 2 | Mandarin | Prohibited plants, plants products or other objects |
| | 4 | Sweet oranges | Prohibited plants, plants products or other objects |
| | 3 | Clementines | Prohibited plants, plants products or other objects |
| | 2 | Lemons | Prohibited plants, plants products or other objects |
| Türkije | 1 | Globe artichokes | WPM: marking absent |
| | 1 | Calibrachoa | PC: additional declaration missing |
| | 1 | Penstemon | Presence of goods not mentioned on PC |
| | 1 | Petunia | PC: additional declaration missing |
| | 1 | Strawberry | Others |
| | 1 | Quinces | Others |
| Uganda | 1 | Mixed plants | WPM: marking absent |
| | 1 | Mixed plants | PC non-compliant with Annex V to Reg. 2016/2031 |
| | 1 | Chrysanthemums | PC: additional declaration missing |
| | 1 | Lantana | PC: additional declaration missing |
| Ukraine | 1 | Pelargonium | PC: additional declaration missing |
| | 3 | Grapes | Prohibited plants, plants products or other objects |
| | 1 | Grapes | Prohibited plants, plants products or other objects |
| | 2 | Tomatoes, other <i>Lycopersicon</i> spp. | PC absent |
| Vietnam | 1 | Tomato | PC absent |
| | 1 | Horticultural plants | PC absent |
| | 1 | Peaches, plums, other <i>Prunus</i> | Unfit for inspection due to poor goods' quality |

CHED, Common Health Entry Document; NPPO, national plant protection organisation; PC, phytosanitary certificate;
WPM, wood packaging material

Source: based on TRACES: Number of occurrences of harmful organism(s) in commodities imported into the EU or Switzerland (January 2025)

Disclaimer: *Under no circumstances shall COLEAD be liable for any loss, damage, liability or expense incurred or suffered that is claimed to have resulted from the use of information available on this website or any link to external sites. The use of the website is at the user's sole risk and responsibility. This information platform was created and maintained with the financial support of the European Union. Its contents do not, however, reflect the views of the European Union.*