

Plant health interceptions (EUROPHYT) in January 2025

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

What is changing and why?

This report summarises plant health ([EUROPHYT](#)) interceptions of products entering the European Union (EU) from low- and middle-income countries that occurred in January 2025.

There were 84 EUROPHYT interceptions due to harmful organisms involving 22 countries (see Table 1), and 282 interceptions due to other non-conformities involving 37 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

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.

Timeline

January 2025

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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

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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

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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

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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
Indonesia	1	Phalsa	Others
	1	Bottle gourd	Others
	1	Bananas and plantains	Others
	1	Horticultural plants	Others
	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
Iran	1	Pinanga	PC absent
	1	Basil	PC: additional declaration missing
Kazakhstan	1	Basil	PC: false information
	1	Kaffir limes	Prohibited plants, plants products or other objects
	1	Sweet and chilli peppers	Non-compliance with special requirements (documentary)
	1	Sweet and chilli peppers	PC: additional declaration missing
	1	Mixed plants	PC: additional declaration missing
	2	Mixed plants	PC: additional declaration missing
	1	European larch	PC: additional declaration inadequate or invalid
Kenya	1	Siberian larch	PC: false information
	1	Pine	PC: additional declaration missing
	1	Pine	PC: false information
	1	Pine	PC: non-official EU-language
	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

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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

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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

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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
Türkiye	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

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