# 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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## Tables & 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 | *Hydrangea* sp. | Whiteflies |
| | 1 | Tomato | Viroids |
| | 9 | Tomato | Virus |
| Egypt | 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 | *Dracaena* sp. | Whiteflies |
| | 1 | *Dracaena marginata* | Whiteflies |
| | 2 | Lucky bamboo | Whiteflies |
| | 2 | Common guava | Fruit flies |
| | 1 | Common guava | Fruit flies |
| Kenya | 1 | Culantro and other *Eryngium* 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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Table 1
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| Country of origin | No. | Intercepted products | Harmful organisms |
|---|---|---|---|
| South Africa | 1 | Chrysanthemums | Thrips |
| | 1 | Courgettes, pumpkins, other *Cucurbita* 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 |

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Table 2
EUROPHYT interceptions due to other non-conformities on plants – January 2025

| Country of origin | No. | Intercepted products | Non-conformity |
|---|---|---|---|
| Albania | 1 | *Cupressus* 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 *Cucurbita* 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 *Solanaceae* spp. | PC absent |
| | 1 | Potatoes, tomatoes, peppers, eggplants, other *Solanaceae* 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 | *Podocarpus macrophyllus* | PC: additional declaration inadequate or invalid |
| | 1 | *Pseudolarix amabilis* | 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) |
| | 1 | Oak | PC: additional declaration missing |
| | 1 | Oak | PC: expired date |
| Colombia | 1 | Chrysanthemums | Others |
| | 1 | Mango | PC absent |
| Costa Rica | 1 | Crookneck pumpkin | PC absent |
| Ecuador | 1 | Asters | PC incomplete: botanical name not included |
| | 1 | St John's wort | Others |
| | 1 | Sea-lavender | Others |
| | 2 | Asparagus | Others |
| | 1 | Mixed plants | WPM: incomplete marking |
| Egypt | 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 |
| | 6 | Potatoes | Non-compliance with special requirements (documentary) |
| Ethiopia | 1 | Sweet and chilli peppers | PC: additional declaration missing |
| | 2 | Horticultural plants | PC absent |
| Ghana | 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 *Xanthosoma* 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 *Dolichos* 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 | *Bidens ferulifolia* | Others |
| | 1 | *Diascia barberae* | Others |
| | 1 | Sweet potato leaves | Others |
| | 1 | *Leucophyta brownii* | Others |
| | 1 | *Lippia* sp. | Others |

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| Country of origin | No. | Intercepted products | Non-conformity |
|---|---|---|---|
| Kenya (*continued*) | 1 | *Lobelia erinus* | Others |
| | 1 | Lemon balm | Others |
| | 1 | *Oenothera lindheimeri* | Others |
| | 1 | Oregano | Others |
| | 1 | Daisybushes | Others |
| | 2 | *Pelargonium peltatum* | Others |
| | 2 | *Pelargonium zonale* | Others |
| | 1 | *Sanvitalia procumbens* | Others |
| | 1 | *Scaevola* sp. | Others |
| | 1 | Thyme | Others |
| | 1 | *Xerochrysum bracteatum* | Others |
| | 1 | Eucalyptus | PC absent |
| | 1 | Sweet William, carnation, other *Dianthus* spp. | PC: additional declaration missing |
| | 1 | *Hypericum* sp. | PC absent |
| | 1 | Goldenrod, other *Solidago* spp. | Goods' quantity does not correspond with PC |
| | 1 | Goldenrod, other *Solidago* spp. | PC incomplete: botanical name not included |
| | 1 | *Bidens ferulifolia* | PC: additional declaration missing |
| | 1 | *Glandularia peruviana* | PC: additional declaration missing |
| | 1 | Lantana | PC: additional declaration missing |
| | 1 | *Lobelia erinus* | PC: additional declaration missing |
| | 1 | *Scaevola aemula* | 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 *Cucurbita* 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 *Solanaceae* 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 | *Acorus gramineus* | PC: additional declaration missing |
| | 2 | *Buddleia* sp. | PC: additional declaration missing |
| | 1 | *Carissa* sp. | PC: additional declaration missing |
| | 1 | *Chlorophytum* sp. | PC: additional declaration missing |
| | 1 | *Delosperma* sp. | PC: additional declaration missing |
| | 1 | *Duranta* sp. | PC: additional declaration missing |
| | 1 | *Leptospermum* sp. | PC: additional declaration missing |
| | 1 | *Melaleuca* sp. | PC: additional declaration missing |
| | 1 | *Pittosporum* sp. | PC: additional declaration missing |
| | 2 | *Podocarpus* sp. | PC: additional declaration missing |
| | 1 | *Sedum* sp. | PC: additional declaration missing |
| | 1 | *Sempervivum* sp. | PC: additional declaration missing |
| | 1 | *Tecoma capensis* | 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 *Curcuma* spp. | PC absent |
| | 1 | Mixed plants | PC absent |
| Suriname | 1 | Mangoes, other *Mangifera* spp. | PC absent |
| Tanzania | 1 | Bitter melon | Goods' quantity does not correspond with PC |
| Thailand | 1 | *Epipremnum pinnatum* | PC: additional declaration missing |
| | 1 | Monstera | PC: additional declaration missing |
| | 1 | Philodendron | PC: additional declaration missing |
| | 1 | *Astrophytum asterias* | 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 | *Pteridophyllum racemosum* | PC absent |
| | 2 | *Stephania* sp. | PC absent |
| | 1 | Mixed plants | PC absent |
| Togo | 1 | Pineapples | PC absent |
| | 1 | Roselle, Chinese hibiscus, other *Hibiscus* spp. | PC: additional declaration missing |
| Tunisia | 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 |
| | 1 | Globe artichokes | WPM: marking absent |
| Türkiye | 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 |
| | 1 | Mixed plants | WPM: marking absent |
| Uganda | 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 |
| | 1 | Pelargonium | PC: additional declaration missing |
| Ukraine | 3 | Grapes | Prohibited plants, plants products or other objects |
| | 1 | Grapes | Prohibited plants, plants products or other objects |
| | 2 | Tomatoes, other *Lycopersicon* spp. | PC absent |
| | 1 | Tomato | PC absent |
| Vietnam | 1 | Horticultural plants | PC absent |
| | 1 | Peaches, plums, other *Prunus* | 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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