Plant health interceptions (EUROPHYT) in March 2025

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TRACES: Number of occurrences of harmful organism(s) in commodities imported into the EU or Switzerland (March 2025)

What is changing and why?

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

There were 74 EUROPHYT interceptions due to harmful organisms involving 26 countries (see Table 1), and 485 interceptions due to other non-conformities involving 45 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

March 2025

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Table 1
EUROPHYT interceptions due to harmful organisms on plants – March 2025

Country of origin	No.	Intercepted products	Harmful organisms
Bangladesh	1	Common guava	Fruit flies
	1	Jute mallow and other *Corchorus* spp.	Whiteflies
Cameroon	2	Mango	Fruit flies
China	1	Chinese banyan	Nematodes
	1	Ginger	Bacteria
	4	Sweet and chilli peppers	Virus
	5	Tomato	Virus
Colombia	1	Chrysanthemums	Whiteflies
	1	Naranjilla	Moths
Egypt	5	Potatoes	Bacteria
Ethiopia	1	Lovage	Leaf-miner flies
Guatemala	1	Finger limes	Fungus
India	1	Yardlong bean, hyacinth bean, and other *Dolichos* spp.	Fruit flies
Indonesia	1	Amazon sword	Nematodes
	1	Calamondin	Bacteria
Kenya	1	Basil	Fall armyworm
	6	Basil	Thrips
	1	Culantro and other *Eryngium* spp.	Fall armyworm
	1	Roses	Fall armyworm
	1	Roses	False codling moth
	1	Sweet and chilli peppers	False codling moth
Malaysia	1	Coriander	Leaf-miner flies
Mali	1	Mango	Fruit flies
Mexico	1	Asparagus	Moths
Peru	1	Mango	Fruit flies
	1	Tomato	Virus
Senegal	2	Bitter melon	Fruit flies
	1	Sweet and chilli peppers	Whiteflies
	1	Sweet and chilli peppers	Fruit flies
South Africa	7	Courgettes, pumpkins, and other *Cucurbita* spp.	Fruit flies
Sri Lanka	1	Snake gourd, pointed gourd, and other *Trichosanthes* spp.	Fruit flies
Suriname	1	Eggplant	Thrips
Tanzania	2	Bitter melon	Thrips
	1	Bitter melon	Moths
	2	Bitter melon	Fruit flies
	1	Eggplant	Thrips
Thailand	1	Culantro	Whiteflies
	1	Homalomena	Whiteflies
	1	Sweet and chilli peppers	Virus
Togo	1	African eggplant	Insects (not specified)
Türkiye	2	Sweet and chilli peppers	Virus
	1	Tomato	Virus
Uganda	1	Mango	Fruit flies
Vietnam	1	Java apple	Fruit flies
	1	Mango	Fruit flies
Zambia	1	Roses	False codling moth
Zimbabwe	1	Goldenrod and other *Solidago* spp.	Whiteflies

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

Country of origin	No.	Intercepted products	Non-conformity
Albania	1	Catalpa	Non-compliance with special requirements (documentary)
	1	Catalpa	Non-compliance with special requirements (physical)
	1	Mixed plants	PC incomplete: absence of consignor, importer
Algeria	3	Tomato	PC: additional declaration inadequate or invalid
Argentina	1	Sunflower	Others
Bangladesh	1	Common beans	PC absent
	1	Courgettes, pumpkins, other *Cucurbita* spp.	PC absent
	2	Mango	PC absent
	1	Mango	PC: additional declaration missing
	1	Mixed plants	PC absent
	1	Papaya	PC absent
	1	Snake gourd, pointed gourd, other *Trichosanthes* spp.	PC absent
Bosnia and Herzegovina	1	Beech	Non-compliance with special requirements (physical)
	1	Oak	PC absent
Brazil	2	Persian limes	PC: false information
	2	Persian limes	PC: additional declaration inadequate or invalid
	1	Persian limes	Non-compliance with special requirements (physical)
	1	Sugarcane	PC absent
	1	Sweet and chilli peppers	PC: non-certified copy or non-authenticated copy
Cameroon	1	Arrowleaf elephant ear	Others
	1	Arrowleaf elephant ear and other *Xanthosoma* spp.	PC non-compliant with Annex V to Reg. 2016/2031
	1	Arrowleaf elephant ear and other *Xanthosoma* spp.	Goods' quantity does not correspond with PC
	1	Oil palm fruit	Goods' quantity does not correspond with PC
	1	Okra	Others
	1	Sugarcane	Goods' quantity does not correspond with PC
	1	Sweet potato	Others
	1	Sweet potato	PC non-compliant with Annex V to Reg. 2016/2031
	1	Yams	Others
China	1	Acorus	PC: additional declaration missing
	1	Alocasia	Goods' quantity does not correspond with PC
	1	Aquatic plants	PC absent
	1	Boat orchids	PC absent
	1	Boat orchids	Presence of goods not mentioned on PC
	1	Hippeastrum	PC: additional declaration missing
	10	Lotus	PC absent
	14	Mixed plants	PC absent
	1	Monstera	Goods' quantity does not correspond with PC
	1	Mulberries	PC: additional declaration inadequate or invalid
	2	Oak	PC: additional declaration missing
	1	Pine	PC: expired date
	2	Teas	Others

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Country of origin	No.	Intercepted products	Non-conformity
Colombia	3	Baby's-breath	Others
	1	Beans	PC absent
	1	Butcher's-broom	Others
	1	Chrysanthemums	Others
	1	Goldenrod and other *Solidago* spp.	Others
	1	Hortensia	Others
	1	Mixed plants	PC: false information
	1	Mixed plants	WPM: incorrect marking
	1	Passion fruit (purple)	Non-compliance with special requirements (physical)
	2	Peruvian groundcherry	Others
	1	Peruvian lily	Others
	1	Potatoes	Prohibited plants, plants products or other objects
	1	Purple yam	Non-compliance with special requirements (physical)
	1	Purple yam	Prohibited plants, plants products or other objects
	1	Roses	Others
	1	Sweet granadilla	Non-compliance with special requirements (physical)
Costa Rica	1	Ginger	Non-compliance with special requirements (documentary)
	1	Pygmy date palm	Goods' quantity does not correspond with PC
	1	Zanzibar gem	PC: additional declaration missing
Côte d'Ivoire	1	Mixed plants	PC: additional declaration inadequate or invalid
	1	Mixed plants	PC: additional declaration missing
	1	Mixed plants	WPM: marking absent
	1	Sweet corn	PC: additional declaration inadequate or invalid
	1	Sweet corn	PC: non-certified copy or non-authenticated copy
Cuba	1	Common guava	PC absent
	1	Taro	PC absent
Dominican Republic	1	Oregano, marjoram, other *Origanum* spp.	Others
	1	Sweet and chilli peppers	PC absent
	1	Wheat	PC absent
Ecuador	1	Baby's-breath	PC: additional declaration inadequate or invalid
	1	Baby's-breath	PC: false information
	1	Chilli pepper	Others
	1	Chrysanthemums	Others
	1	Cinnamon	Others
	2	Mango	PC absent
	1	Mangosteen	PC absent
	2	Mixed plants	WPM: incorrect marking
	1	Pine	Non-compliance with special requirements (documentary)
	2	Pine	PC: additional declaration missing
	1	Pumpkin	PC absent
	1	Roses	Others
	1	Roses	PC: false information
	1	Ulluco	Prohibited plants, plants products or other objects

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Country of origin	No.	Intercepted products	Non-conformity
Egypt	1	Broad bean	PC: additional declaration missing
	1	Cabbages, kales, other brassica vegetables	PC: additional declaration missing
	1	Cissu	PC: additional declaration missing
	1	Common beans	PC: additional declaration inadequate or invalid
	1	Common guava	PC: additional declaration missing
	1	Courgettes, pumpkins, other *Cucurbita* spp.	PC: additional declaration missing
	1	Cucumber	PC: additional declaration missing
	1	Eggplant	PC: additional declaration missing
	4	Lemons	Non-compliance with special requirements (physical)
	1	Lemons	Prohibited plants, plants products or other objects
	2	Mandarin	Mismatch between identification mark and PC
	1	Mandarin	Non-compliance with special requirements (physical)
	1	Mixed plants	WPM: marking absent
	1	Peach	PC: additional declaration missing
	2	Potatoes	Non-compliance with special requirements (physical)
	3	Potatoes	Mismatch between identification mark and PC
	16	Potatoes	Missing identification marks (production unit, clips, etc)
	2	Potatoes	Others
	1	Potatoes	PC incomplete: no signature of certifying officer
	1	Potatoes	PC: additional declaration missing
	1	Potatoes	PC: expired date
	3	Sweet oranges	Non-compliance with special requirements (physical)
	1	Sweet oranges	PC: additional declaration missing
	1	Sweet oranges	PC incomplete: no official NPPO stamp
	1	Sweet oranges	PC not addressed to the relevant Member State NPPO
	2	Sweet potato	Unfit for inspection due to poor goods' quality
Guatemala	1	Chinese pennisetum	PC: additional declaration inadequate or invalid
	1	Liriope	PC: additional declaration inadequate or invalid
	1	Satintails	PC: additional declaration inadequate or invalid
	1	Silvergrass	PC: additional declaration inadequate or invalid
	1	Snake plant	PC: additional declaration missing
	1	Taro vine	PC: additional declaration missing

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Country of origin	No.	Intercepted products	Non-conformity
India	1	Arisamea	Others
	1	Bananas and plantains	Others
	1	Beech	PC absent
	1	Beech	Prohibited plants, plants products or other objects
	1	Canna	Others
	1	Carrots	PC incomplete: botanical name not included
	1	Curcuma	PC absent
	1	Curry tree	PC: additional declaration missing
	1	Desert fan palm	Others
	1	Elephant foot yam	PC incomplete: botanical name not included
	1	Elephant foot yam	PC incomplete: no signature of certifying officer
	1	Flamboyant	Others
	1	Flame lily	Others
	1	*Globba schomburgkii*	Others
	1	Heart-leaved moonseed	No pre-notification in TRACES (CHED part I)
	1	Heart-leaved moonseed	PC absent
	1	Indian gooseberry	PC absent
	1	Lotus	Others
	1	Mixed plants	WPM: marking absent
	1	Morning-glory	Others
	1	Onions	PC incomplete: botanical name not included
	1	Papaya	Others
	1	Tacca	Others
	1	Taro	PC incomplete: botanical name not included
	1	Taro	PC incomplete: no signature of certifying officer
	1	Taro	PC absent
	1	Wood	WPM: marking absent
Indonesia	1	Bananas and plantains	PC: non-certified copy or non-authenticated copy
	1	Bucephalandra	Non-compliance with special requirements (physical)
	1	Bucephalandra	PC: false information
	1	Elms	Prohibited plants, plants products or other objects
	1	Fig	PC: additional declaration inadequate or invalid
	1	Wood	WPM: marking absent
Iran	1	Eggplant	PC: additional declaration inadequate or invalid
Jordan	1	Pistachio	Non-compliance with special requirements (physical)
	1	Tomato	Goods' quantity does not correspond with PC
Kazakhstan	1	Pine	PC: additional declaration inadequate or invalid
	1	Siberian larch	Others
	1	Siberian larch	PC: false information

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Country of origin	No.	Intercepted products	Non-conformity
Kenya	1	Apache beggarticks	PC: additional declaration inadequate or invalid
	1	Asters	Goods' quantity does not correspond with PC
	1	Baby's-breath	Goods' quantity does not correspond with PC
	1	Buffelgrasses	Prohibited plants, plants products or other objects
	1	Cape marguerite	PC: additional declaration inadequate or invalid
	1	Catmint	PC: additional declaration inadequate or invalid
	2	Coleus	PC: additional declaration inadequate or invalid
	1	Common gaillardia	PC: additional declaration inadequate or invalid
	1	Common lantana	PC: additional declaration inadequate or invalid
	1	Culantro and other *Eryngium* spp.	Goods' quantity does not correspond with PC
	1	Culantro and other *Eryngium* spp.	PC incomplete: botanical name not included
	1	Dahlia	PC: additional declaration inadequate or invalid
	1	Edging lobelia	PC: additional declaration inadequate or invalid
	1	Fairy fan-flower	PC: additional declaration inadequate or invalid
	1	Fuchsia	PC: additional declaration inadequate or invalid
	1	Garden geranium	PC: additional declaration inadequate or invalid
	1	Garlic	PC incomplete: botanical name not included
	1	Geranium	PC incomplete: botanical name not included
	1	Goldenrod and other *Solidago* spp.	Others
	1	Impatiens	PC: additional declaration inadequate or invalid
	1	Lavender	PC: additional declaration inadequate or invalid
	1	Lindheimer's beeblossom	PC: additional declaration inadequate or invalid
	1	Lisianthus	Goods' quantity does not correspond with PC
	1	Max chrysanthemum	PC: additional declaration inadequate or invalid
	1	Mealycup sage	PC: additional declaration inadequate or invalid
	1	Purslanes	PC: additional declaration inadequate or invalid
	2	Roses	Goods' quantity does not correspond with PC
	1	Roses	Others
	3	Roses	PC incomplete: botanical name not included
	1	Roses	PC: additional declaration inadequate or invalid
	1	Roses	PC: additional declaration missing
	1	Roses	Prohibited plants, plants products or other objects
	1	Russian sage	PC: additional declaration inadequate or invalid
	1	Sandy everlasting	PC incomplete: botanical name not included
	1	Sea-lavender	Others
	1	St John's wort	Others
	1	Sweet William, carnation, other *Dianthus* spp.	Goods' quantity does not correspond with PC
	1	Trailing iceplant	PC: additional declaration inadequate or invalid
	1	Water hyssop	PC: additional declaration inadequate or invalid
	1	Windflowers	PC incomplete: botanical name not included
	1	Woodland sage	PC: additional declaration inadequate or invalid

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Country of origin	No.	Intercepted products	Non-conformity
Mauritania	1	Watermelon	PC: expired date
Mexico	1	Asparagus	Goods' quantity does not correspond with PC
	4	Asparagus	Others
	1	Asparagus	PC absent
	2	Asparagus	PC: non-certified copy or non-authenticated copy
	1	Asparagus	Unfit for inspection due to poor goods' quality
	1	Elmleaf blackberry	PC absent
	1	Highbush blueberry	PC absent
	1	Red raspberry	PC absent
	1	Sweet and chilli peppers	PC absent
	1	Tomato	PC absent
	1	Wheat	PC absent
Morocco	1	Absinthe	Goods' nature does not correspond with PC
	1	Absinthe	Presence of goods not mentioned on PC
	1	Cabbages, kales, other brassica vegetables	PC not addressed to the relevant Member State NPPO
	1	Chives	PC not addressed to the relevant Member State NPPO
	1	Common beans	PC: false information
	1	Common glasswort	PC not addressed to the relevant Member State NPPO
	1	Common sage	PC not addressed to the relevant Member State NPPO
	1	Coriander	Goods' nature does not correspond with PC
	1	Coriander	PC not addressed to the relevant Member State NPPO
	1	Courgettes, pumpkins, other *Cucurbita* spp.	PC: false information
	1	Lovage	PC not addressed to the relevant Member State NPPO
	1	Mediterranean dwarf palm	Goods' nature does not correspond with PC
	1	Oregano	PC not addressed to the relevant Member State NPPO
	1	Parsley	Goods' nature does not correspond with PC
	1	Parsley	PC not addressed to the relevant Member State NPPO
	1	Peppermint	PC not addressed to the relevant Member State NPPO
	3	Pine	WPM: incomplete marking
	1	Potatoes	Goods' quantity does not correspond with PC
	1	Potatoes	PC: false information
	1	Rosemary	PC not addressed to the relevant Member State NPPO
	1	Spearmint	Goods' nature does not correspond with PC
	1	Sweet and chilli peppers	PC incomplete: botanical name not included
	1	Sweet and chilli peppers	PC: unauthorised alterations/modifications
	1	Tarragon	PC not addressed to relevant Member State NPPO
	1	Thyme	PC not addressed to relevant Member State NPPO
	1	Tomato	Non-compliance with special requirements (physical)
	1	Tomato	PC: false information

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Country of origin	No.	Intercepted products	Non-conformity
Nigeria	1	Cassava leaves	PC absent
	1	Eggplant	PC absent
	1	Fluted gourd, oysternut, other *Telfairia* spp.	PC absent
	1	*Genipa americana*	PC absent
	1	Mango	PC absent
	2	Mixed plants	PC absent
	1	Sweet cherry	PC absent
North Macedonia	1	Beech	PC incomplete: botanical name not included
Panama	1	Citrus fruits (oranges, lemons, etc.)	PC absent
Peru	3	Asparagus	Others
	1	Caigua	PC absent
	1	Cassava leaves	PC absent
	1	Curcuma	PC absent
	1	Ginger	PC absent
	1	Key limes	PC absent
	1	Lemons	PC absent
	1	Lúcuma	PC absent
	2	Mango	PC absent
	1	Naranjilla	Others
	1	Parsley and other *Petroselinum* spp.	PC absent
	5	Potatoes	PC absent
	7	Potatoes	Prohibited plants, plants products or other objects
	1	Quinoa	PC absent
	1	Roselle, Chinese hibiscus, other *Hibiscus* spp.	Others
	1	Rue	PC absent
	2	Soursops, cherimoyas, custard apples, sweetsops	PC absent
	3	Sweet and chilli peppers	PC absent
	2	Sweet and chilli peppers	Others
	2	Sweet and chilli peppers	PC absent
	7	Sweet corn	PC absent
	1	Sweet granadilla	PC absent
	3	Sweet potato	PC absent
	2	Tomato	Non-compliance with special requirements (physical)
	3	Ulluco	PC absent
	3	Ulluco	Prohibited plants, plants products or other objects
	1	Wheat	PC absent
Philippines	1	Curcuma	PC absent
	2	Mango	PC absent
	1	Peanut	PC absent

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Country of origin	No.	Intercepted products	Non-conformity
Senegal	1	African baobab	Others
	1	Beans	PC absent
	3	Courgettes, pumpkins, other *Cucurbita* spp.	PC: false information
	1	Desert rose	Others
	1	Frangipani	Others
	1	Gout-plant	Others
	1	Kola nuts/Cola nuts	Others
	1	Kola nuts/Cola nuts	PC absent
	2	Peanut	PC absent
	1	Peas	Others
	2	Roselle, Chinese hibiscus, other *Hibiscus* spp.	Others
	2	Spearmint	PC absent
	1	Sweet corn	Non-compliance with special requirements (physical)
	4	Teas	Others
	1	Tomato	Others
	1	Watermelon	Non-compliance with special requirements (documentary)
	1	Watermelon	PC: false information
Serbia	1	Apple	Non-compliance with special requirements (documentary)
	1	European pear	Non-compliance with special requirements (documentary)
South Africa	1	Gasteria	PC absent
	3	Kiwis	PC incomplete: botanical name not included
	1	Sweet William, carnation, other *Dianthus* spp.	PC: additional declaration missing
Sri Lanka	1	Mangoes and other *Mangifera* spp.	PC absent
	1	Mixed plants	PC absent
Tanzania	1	Chrysanthemums	PC: additional declaration missing
	1	Tamarind	Non-compliance with special requirements (documentary)
Thailand	2	Basils	PC: additional declaration inadequate or invalid
	1	Bengal currant	PC absent
	2	Cabbages, kales, other brassica vegetables	PC absent
	1	Cacti	PC absent
	1	Frangipani	PC: additional declaration inadequate or invalid
	1	Indian gooseberry	PC absent
	1	Konjac roots	No pre-notification in TRACES (CHED PART I)
	1	Konjac roots	PC absent
	1	Mango	PC absent
	1	Melons (excl. watermelons)	PC absent
	1	Mixed plants	PC absent
	1	Mustard greens	PC absent
	1	Turnip	PC absent

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Country of origin	No.	Intercepted products	Non-conformity
Türkiye	2	Almond	PC: false information
	1	Broad bean	PC: false information
	1	Cabbages, kales, other brassica vegetables	PC: false information
	1	Carrots	PC absent
	1	Carrots	PC: false information
	1	Common beans	PC absent
	1	Courgettes, pumpkins, other *Cucurbita* spp.	PC: false information
	1	Crookneck pumpkin	PC: false information
	1	Crown-of-thorns	PC: false information
	1	Cucumber	PC absent
	2	Cucumber	PC: false information
	1	Eggplant	PC: false information
	2	Gasteria	PC: false information
	1	Haworthia	PC: false information
	1	Jerusalem artichoke	PC: false information
	2	Kalanchoe	PC: false information
	1	Lemons	PC: false information
	1	Mixed plants	WPM: marking absent
	1	Pine	Non-compliance with special requirements (physical)
	1	Potatoes	Non-compliance with special requirements (physical)
	2	Radishes	PC: false information
	11	Sweet and chilli peppers	PC: false information
	1	Tomato	PC: false information
Uganda	2	Avocado	PC absent
	1	Avocado	Goods' quantity does not correspond with PC
	2	Chrysanthemums	PC: additional declaration missing
	1	Mango	PC absent
	1	Mango	Goods' quantity does not correspond with PC
	1	Mango	PC incomplete: no unique code
	1	Melons (excl. watermelons)	PC: additional declaration inadequate or invalid
	1	Papaya	PC absent
	1	Papaya	PC incomplete: no unique code
	1	Soursop	PC incomplete: no unique code
	1	Sweet and chilli peppers	PC: additional declaration inadequate or invalid
	1	Tomato	PC: additional declaration inadequate or invalid
Ukraine	1	Dill	PC absent
Uruguay	1	Pine	Mismatch between treatment mark and PC
Vietnam	1	Gandaria	Non-compliance with special requirements (documentary)
	1	Maple	PC absent

CHED, Common Health Entry Document; NPPO, National Plant Protection Organisation; PC, phytosanitary certificate; WPM, wood packaging material.

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