Plant health interceptions (EUROPHYT) in May 2025

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

Update

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

In May 2025, there were 99 interceptions due to harmful organisms involving 23 AGRINFO partner countries, and 549 interceptions due to other non-conformities that invloved 50 partner countries.

Impacted products

Plants and plant products

Interceptions

Harmful organisms

In May 2025 there were 99 EUROPHYT interceptions due to harmful organisms involving 23 low- and middle-income (AGRINFO partner) countries (see Table 1).

Other non-conformities

There were also 549 interceptions due to other non-conformities, involving 50 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 (May 2025).

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Timeline

May 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 2016/2031 on plant health. For more information about plant health law, see EU Plant Health Law explained.

Also see Official Controls Regulation - explained.

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

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

Country of origin	Number of alerts	Intercepted products	Harmful organisms
Bangladesh	1	Club gourd	Fruit flies
Brazil	2	Persimmon	Fruit flies
	1		Flies
Burkina Faso	2	Mango	Fruit flies
Cambodia	1	Basil	Leaf-miner flies
Cameroon	1	Avocado	False codling moth
China	5	Sweet and chili peppers	Virus
	2	Tomato	
Côte d'Ivoire	8	Mango	Fruit flies
Dominican Republic	1	Common guava	Fruit flies
Ecuador	1	Asparagus	Fall armyworm
	1	Persian limes	Fungus
	1	Baby's-breath	Thrips
Egypt	1	Sweet oranges	Fruit flies
	2	Peach	Insects (not specified)
	2	Nectarine	
	1	Common guava	Fruit flies
	1	Potatoes	Bacterias
India	1	Sweet and chili peppers	Whiteflies
	1	Angled luffa, sponge gourd, and other *Luffa* species	Fruit flies
	1	Mangoes and other *Mangifera* species	
	1	Mango	
	2	Mango	
	1	Bitter melon and other *Momordica* species	
	1	Snake gourd, pointed gourd, and other *Trichosanthes* species	

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Country of origin	Number of alerts	Intercepted products	Harmful organisms
Kenya	1	Baby's-breath	Thrips
	1	Basil	
	1	Tomato	Virus
	1	Eggplant	False codling moth
Mali	10	Mango	Fruit flies
	12		
Mexico	1	Onions	Leaf-miner flies
	3	Bitter melon	Thrips
	1	Tomato	Virus
Peru	2	Ginger	Bacterias
Senegal	1	Sweet and chili peppers	Whiteflies
	1		Fruit flies
South Africa	2	Lemons	Fungus
	3	Courgettes, pumpkins, and other *Cucurbita* species	Fruit flies
	2	Eggplant	Thrips
Sri Lanka	1	Moringa	Leaf-miner flies
Tanzania	1	Bitter melon	Fruit flies
Thailand	1	Holy basil	Whiteflies
Türkiye	1	Sweet and chili peppers	Virus
	3	Tomato	
Vietnam	1	Pomelo	Bacterias
	1	Persian limes	
	1	Culantro	Whiteflies
	1	Chameleon plant	
	1	Mango	Fruit flies
	1	Knotweed	Whiteflies
Zimbabwe	1	Aloe vera	Fall armyworm
	1	Asters	Thrips

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

Country of origin	No. of alerts	Intercepted products	Non-conformity
Algeria	1	Sweet and chili peppers	PC: additional declaration inadequate or invalid
Argentina	1	Caper	PC: false information
Bangladesh	1	Citrons	Mismatch between identification mark and PC
	1	Litchi	Mismatch between identification mark and PC
	2	Bitter melon and other *Momordica* species	Non-compliance with special requirements (documentary)
	1	Bitter melon and other *Momordica* species	PC: additional declaration inadequate or invalid
	1	Tamarind	Others
	1	Tamarind	Unfit for inspection due to poor goods' quality
Bosnia and Herzegovina	1	Wood	WPM: marking absent
Botswana	1	Bitter oranges	PC: additional declaration missing
Brazil	3	Persian limes	Non-compliance with special requirements (physical)
	2	Persian limes	PC: additional declaration missing
	1	Mango	PC: false information
Burundi	1	Ethiopian eggplants	Unfit for inspection due to poor goods' quality
Cameroon	1	Citrus fruits (oranges, lemons, ...)	PC incomplete: production unit number not provided
	1	Citrus fruits (oranges, lemons, ...)	PC incomplete: botanical name not included
	1	Citrus fruits (oranges, lemons, ...)	PC: additional declaration inadequate or invalid
	1	Yams	PC absent

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Country of origin	No. of alerts	Intercepted products	Non-conformity
China	1	Citrus fruits (oranges, lemons, ...)	No pre-notification in TRACES (CHED PART I)
	1	Citrus fruits (oranges, lemons, ...)	PC absent
	1	Pumpkin	PC absent
	1	Mixed plants	PC absent
	14	Mixed plants	PC absent
	8	Monstera	No pre-notification in TRACES (CHED PART I)
	3	Monstera	Others
	8	Monstera	PC absent
	5	Chinese strawberry	No pre-notification in TRACES (CHED PART I)
	5	Chinese strawberry	PC absent
	14	Myrica	No pre-notification in TRACES (CHED PART I)
	4	Myrica	Others
	14	Myrica	PC absent
	1	Lotus	No pre-notification in TRACES (CHED PART I)
	2	Lotus	PC absent
	1	Lotus	PC absent
	1	Mixed plants	PC absent
	1	Peanut	PC absent
	1	Jackfruits and breadfruits	PC absent
	1	Walnut	PC absent
	1	Apples	PC absent
	1	Mango	PC absent
	1	Pitahaya	PC absent
	1	Bird of paradise plant	PC: additional declaration missing
	1	Taro, eddoe, and other *Colocasia* species	PC absent
	1	Malaysian ginseng	Others
	1	Poplar	PC: false information
	1	Poplar	PC: expired date
	2	Wood	PC absent
	1	Pine	PC: additional declaration inadequate or invalid
Colombia	2	Chrysanthemums	Others
	3	Baby's-breath	Others
	1	Gypsophila	Others
	1	Persian limes	Unfit for inspection due to poor goods' quality
	1	Mango	PC absent
	1	Passion fruit (purple)	PC absent
	1	Small scabious	PC: additional declaration missing

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Country of origin	No. of alerts	Intercepted products	Non-conformity
Costa Rica	1	Pygmy date palm	PC absent
	1	Croton	PC: additional declaration missing
	1	Dracaena	PC: additional declaration missing
Cuba	1	Mammee apple	PC absent
	1	Common plum	PC absent
Curaçao	1	Sansevieria	PC absent
Dominican Republic	2	Coriander	PC absent
	1	Beans	PC absent
	3	Sweet and chili peppers	PC absent
	1	Pumpkin	PC absent
	2	Sweet potato	PC absent
	1	Walnut	PC absent
	1	Mango	PC absent
	1	Spanish lime	Others
	2	Avocado	PC absent
	1	Ginger	PC absent
	1	Coriander	Others
	1	Chamomile	Others
	2	Coriander	Others
	1	Coriander	PC absent
	2	Cinnamon	Others
	1	Curcuma	PC absent
Ecuador	2	Sweet corn	PC absent
	1	Asparagus	Others
	1	Persian limes	Others
	1	Mango	PC absent
	1	Cassava	PC absent
	1	Chamomile	Others
	1	Cinnamon	Others
	1	Pine	Non-compliance with special requirements (physical)
	1	Pine	PC: additional declaration inadequate or invalid

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Country of origin	No. of alerts	Intercepted products	Non-conformity
Egypt	1	Sweet and chili peppers	PC: mismatch between means of transport and the declared means of transport in the CHED
	1	Citrus fruits (oranges, lemons, ...)	Others
	1	Citrus fruits (oranges, lemons, ...)	PC incomplete: absence of consignor, importer
	1	Citrus fruits (oranges, lemons, ...)	PC: additional declaration inadequate or invalid
	1	Sweet oranges	PC not addressed to the relevant MS NPPO
	2	Sweet oranges	PC: mismatch between means of transport and the declared means of transport in the CHED
	3	Sweet oranges	Mismatch between identification mark and PC
	4	Sweet oranges	Missing identification marks (production unit, clips, etc.)
	1	Sweet oranges	Non-compliance with special requirements (physical)
	1	Eggplant	Non-compliance with special requirements (documentary)
	3	Potatoes	PC not addressed to the relevant MS NPPO
	1	Potatoes	PC: mismatch between means of transport and the declared means of transport in the CHED
	15	Potatoes	Missing identification marks (production unit, clips, etc.)
	1	Potatoes	PC not addressed to the relevant MS NPPO
	3	Potatoes	PC: mismatch between means of transport and the declared means of transport in the CHED
	3	Potatoes	PC: production unit number invalid (unlisted)
	5	Potatoes	Presence of goods not mentioned on PC
	2	Sweet oranges	PC: mismatch between means of transport and the declared means of transport in the CHED
	1	Mixed plants	WPM: incorrect marking
	1	Mixed plants	WPM: illegible marking
	6	Mixed plants	WPM: marking absent
Eswatini	3	Bitter oranges	PC: additional declaration inadequate or invalid
	1	Bitter oranges	PC: additional declaration missing
Ethiopia	1	Roses	PC incomplete: production unit number not provided
	1	Roses	PC: production unit number invalid (unlisted)
	1	Black caraway	Others
Ghana	1	Okra	PC absent
	1	Yams	PC absent
	1	Yams	PC non-compliant with Annex V to Reg. (EU) 2016/2031
	1	Mango	PC absent
	1	Burretiokentia	PC absent
Gibraltar	3	Mixed plants	WPM: marking absent

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Country of origin	No. of alerts	Intercepted products	Non-conformity
Guatemala	1	Citrons	Non-compliance with special requirements (physical)
	1	Calamagrostis	PC: additional declaration missing
	1	satintails	PC: additional declaration missing
	1	Silvergrass	PC: additional declaration missing
	1	Pennisetum	PC: additional declaration missing
	1	Snake plant	PC: additional declaration missing
	1	Plantains	Unfit for inspection due to poor goods' quality
Honduras	1	Okra	PC: expired date

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Country of origin	No. of alerts	Intercepted products	Non-conformity
India	1	Mixed plants	PC absent
	1	African lily	PC: expired date
	1	Arum lily	PC: expired date
	1	Acacia	PC: additional declaration missing
	1	Acacia	PC: expired date
	1	Maple	PC: additional declaration missing
	1	Maple	PC: expired date
	1	Hawaiian baby woodrose	PC: additional declaration missing
	1	Hawaiian baby woodrose	PC: expired date
	1	Ylang-ylang	PC: additional declaration missing
	1	Ylang-ylang	PC: expired date
	1	Sword bean	PC absent
	1	Chili pepper	PC: false information
	1	Chili pepper	PC: non-certified copy or non-authenticated copy
	1	Cedar	PC: additional declaration missing
	1	Cedar	PC: expired date
	1	Long spined thorn apple	PC: additional declaration missing
	1	Long spined thorn apple	PC: expired date
	1	Levant cotton	PC: additional declaration missing
	1	Levant cotton	PC: expired date
	1	Chinaberry tree	PC: additional declaration missing
	1	Chinaberry tree	PC: expired date
	2	Mixed plants	PC: additional declaration missing
	2	Mixed plants	PC: expired date
	1	Curry tree	PC: additional declaration missing
	1	Curry tree	PC: expired date
	2	Bananas and plantains	PC absent
	1	Saw-wort	PC: additional declaration missing
	1	Saw-wort	PC: expired date
	1	Tacca	PC: additional declaration missing
	1	Tacca	PC: expired date
	1	Bald cypress	PC: additional declaration missing
	1	Bald cypress	PC: expired date
	1	Jujube	PC: additional declaration missing
	1	Jujube	PC: expired date
	1	Okra	PC absent
	1	Onions, garlic, scallions, shallots, leeks, and chives	PC absent

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Country of origin	No. of alerts	Intercepted products	Non-conformity
India (continued)	1	Mango	Others
	5	Mango	PC absent
	1	Mango	PC: additional declaration inadequate or invalid
	1	Bitter melon and other *Momordica* species	PC absent
	1	Bitter melon and other *Momordica* species	PC incomplete: botanical name not included
	1	Potatoes, tomatoes, peppers, eggplants, and other Solanaceae species	PC incomplete: botanical name not included
	1	Mixed plants	WPM: marking absent
Indonesia	1	Waxflowers	PC: additional declaration inadequate or invalid
	1	Zamioculcas	PC: additional declaration inadequate or invalid
	1	Citrus fruits (oranges, lemons, ...)	Prohibited plants, plants products, or other objects
	1	Citrus fruits (oranges, lemons, ...)	Non-compliance with special requirements (physical)
	1	Salak	Others
	1	Philodendron	PC: non-certified copy or non-authenticated copy
Kazakhstan	2	Sorghum	PC: mismatch between means of transport and the declared means of transport in the CHED
	1	Pine	PC: mismatch between means of transport and the declared means of transport in the CHED
	1	Larches	PC: additional declaration inadequate or invalid
	1	Larches	PC: additional declaration missing
	1	Larches	PC: expired date
	1	Larches	PC: unauthorized alterations/ modifications
	1	Siberian larch	PC: additional declaration inadequate or invalid

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Country of origin	No. of alerts	Intercepted products	Non-conformity
Kenya	1	Spurges	Non-compliance with special requirements (documentary)
	1	Spurges	PC: additional declaration inadequate or invalid
	1	Neem	PC absent
	1	Asters	PC incomplete: botanical name not included
	1	Culantro and other *Eryngium* species	PC incomplete: botanical name not included
	1	Baby's-breath	PC incomplete: botanical name not included
	2	Roses	Mismatch between identification mark and PC
	2	Roses	Missing identification marks (production unit, clips, etc.)
	1	Roses	PC absent
	18	Roses	PC incomplete: production unit number not provided
	3	Roses	PC: additional declaration missing
	1	Roses	PC: illegible
	6	Roses	PC: production unit number invalid (unlisted)
	1	Sweet and chili peppers	PC absent
	1	Sweet and chili peppers	PC incomplete: production unit number not provided
	1	Giant hyssops	Goods' quantity does not correspond with PC
	1	Coleus	Goods' quantity does not correspond with PC
	1	Wallflower	Goods' quantity does not correspond with PC
	1	Gaillardia	Goods' quantity does not correspond with PC
	1	Common sneezeweed	Goods' quantity does not correspond with PC
	1	Lavender	Goods' quantity does not correspond with PC
	1	Woodland sage	Goods' quantity does not correspond with PC
	1	Mossy saxifrage	Goods' quantity does not correspond with PC
	1	Speedwells and other *Veronica* species	Goods' quantity does not correspond with PC
Laos	1	Cucumber	PC absent
Lebanon	1	Avocado	PC incomplete: absence of consignor, importer
	1	Avocado	PC: false information
Mali	1	Mango	Others
Mexico	1	Mango	PC: additional declaration inadequate or invalid
	1	Tomato	Non-compliance with special requirements (documentary)

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Country of origin	No. of alerts	Intercepted products	Non-conformity
Morocco	1	Sweet and chili peppers	PC: false information
	1	Mandarin	Non-compliance with special requirements (physical)
	1	Tomato	Non-compliance with special requirements (physical)
	1	Lowbush blueberry	Non-compliance with special requirements (physical)
	1	Lowbush blueberry	Unfit for inspection due to poor goods' quality
	1	Calamagrostis	PC: additional declaration inadequate or invalid
	1	Liriope	PC: additional declaration inadequate or invalid
	1	Silvergrass	PC: additional declaration inadequate or invalid
	1	Panicum	PC: additional declaration inadequate or invalid
	1	Sesleria	PC: additional declaration inadequate or invalid
	1	Potatoes	Goods' quantity does not correspond with PC
	1	Sweet oranges	Unfit for inspection due to poor goods' quality
	3	Pine	WPM: incomplete marking
	1	Pine	WPM: marking absent
Nigeria	1	Mixed plants	PC absent
	1	Mixed plants	PC absent
	2	Mango	PC absent
Pakistan	1	Rice	Non-compliance with special requirements (physical)
Panama	1	Finger limes	PC absent
	1	Mango	PC: additional declaration missing
	1	Passion fruit (purple)	Others

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Country of origin	No. of alerts	Intercepted products	Non-conformity
Peru	1	Common beans	PC absent
	3	Sweet corn	PC absent
	1	Garlic	PC absent
	2	Sweet and chili peppers	PC absent
	1	Chili pepper	Others
	1	Key limes	PC absent
	1	Courgettes, pumpkins, and other *Cucurbita* species	PC absent
	1	Curcuma	Unfit for inspection due to poor goods' quality
	1	Cassava	PC absent
	1	Moringa	PC absent
	2	Avocado	PC absent
	2	Pomegranate	Others
	1	Tamarind	PC absent
	1	Ginger	PC absent
	1	Chamomile	Others
	1	Potatoes	PC absent
	1	Potatoes	Prohibited plants, plants products, or other objects
	3	Potatoes	Prohibited plants, plants products, or other objects
	1	Mixed plants	Non-compliance with special requirements (physical)
	1	Cinnamon	Others
	1	Ulluco	PC absent
	1	Ulluco	Prohibited plants, plants products, or other objects
Philippines	1	Mango	PC absent
Rwanda	1	Roses	PC: production unit number invalid (unlisted)
	1	Gentiana	PC: additional declaration missing
Senegal	1	Peanut	PC absent
	1	Kola nuts/cola nuts	Others
	1	Melons (excl. watermelons)	Others
	2	Crookneck pumpkin	Others
	1	Mango	PC absent
	1	Potatoes	Prohibited plants, plants products, or other objects
	1	Palo santo	Others
Serbia	1	Wood	WPM: marking absent

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Country of origin	No. of alerts	Intercepted products	Non-conformity
South Africa	1	Roses	PC: production unit number invalid (unlisted)
	1	Gold kiwi	Non-compliance with special requirements (physical)
	1	Bitter oranges	PC absent
	1	Bitter oranges	PC: production unit number invalid (unlisted)
	1	Lemons	Mismatch between identification mark and PC
	3	Lemons	PC: additional declaration inadequate or invalid
	11	Lemons	PC: production unit number invalid (unlisted)
	1	Apple	PC: additional declaration inadequate or invalid
	1	Potatoes, tomatoes, peppers, eggplants, and other Solanaceae species	PC: additional declaration missing
	1	Eggplant	PC: additional declaration missing
Sri Lanka	1	Mixed plants	PC absent
	1	Curry tree	PC absent
	1	Heliconias	No pre-notification in TRACES (CHED PART I)
	1	Heliconias	Others
	1	Heliconias	PC absent
	1	Soursop	PC absent
	1	Mixed plants	PC absent
	1	Dwarf copper leaf	PC incomplete: botanical name not included
	1	Asiatic pennywort	PC incomplete: botanical name not included
	1	Onions	PC absent
	1	Jackfruits and breadfruits	PC absent
	1	Sweet and chili peppers	PC absent
	1	Key limes	PC absent
	1	Taro, eddoe, and other *Colocasia* species	PC absent
	1	Crookneck pumpkin	PC absent
	1	Mango	PC absent
	1	Common guava	PC absent
	2	Curry tree	PC absent
	1	Curry tree	Prohibited plants, plants products, or other objects
	2	Bananas and plantains	PC absent
Suriname	1	Mixed plants	PC absent
	1	Mixed plants	Prohibited plants, plants products, or other objects
	1	Mixed plants	PC absent
	2	Mixed plants	PC absent
Tanzania	1	Chrysanthemums	PC: additional declaration missing
	1	Pine	WPM: illegible marking

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Country of origin	No. of alerts	Intercepted products	Non-conformity
Thailand	4	Cacti	PC absent
	1	Taro, eddoe, and other *Colocasia* species	PC: additional declaration inadequate or invalid
	1	Mixed plants	PC absent
	1	Tomato	PC absent
	1	Alocasia	PC absent
	1	Orchids	Non-compliance with special requirements (physical)
	1	Sweet and chili peppers	PC absent
	1	Pomelo	PC: additional declaration missing
	1	Mango	PC absent
	1	Bitter bean	PC absent
	1	Eggplant	PC absent
	1	Eggplant	PC: false information
	1	Turkey berry	PC incomplete: botanical name not included
Türkiye	1	Hazelnuts	Non-compliance with special requirements (physical)
	1	Pine	PC absent
Uganda	2	Roses	PC incomplete: production unit number not provided
	1	Roses	PC: additional declaration missing
	9	Roses	PC: production unit number invalid (unlisted)
	1	Sweet and chili peppers	Goods' quantity does not correspond with PC
	1	Sweet and chili peppers	Presence of goods not mentioned on PC
	1	Chili pepper	Non-compliance with special requirements (documentary)
	1	Chili pepper	PC incomplete: production unit number not provided
	1	Chili pepper	PC: production unit number invalid (unlisted)
Ukraine	1	Mixed plants	WPM: illegible marking
	1	Mixed plants	WPM: incomplete marking
	2	Mixed plants	WPM: marking absent
	1	Pinales	WPM: marking absent
	1	Pine	WPM: illegible marking
	1	Oak	Missing identification marks (production unit, clips, etc.)
	1	Oak	PC: additional declaration missing
	1	Oak	Non-compliance with a derogation: expired validity date
	1	Oak	PC: expired date

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Uzbekistan	1	Monstera	No pre-notification in TRACES (CHED PART I)
	1	Monstera	Others
	1	Monstera	PC absent
	1	Chinese strawberry	No pre-notification in TRACES (CHED PART I)
	1	Chinese strawberry	Others
	1	Chinese strawberry	PC absent
	3	Myrica	No pre-notification in TRACES (CHED PART I)
	3	Myrica	Others
	3	Myrica	PC absent
Vanuatu	1	Mixed plants	PC absent
Zimbabwe	1	Bitter oranges	PC: additional declaration inadequate or invalid
	1	Lemons	Mismatch between identification mark and PC

WPM: Wood packaging material
PC: Phytosanitary certificate
NPPO: National Plant Protection Organization
CHED: Common Health Entry Document

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