Plant health interceptions (EUROPHYT) in October 2024

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TRACES: Number of occurrences of harmful organism(s) in commodities imported into the EU or Switzerland (October 2024)

Interceptions

This report summarises plant health (EUROPHYT) interceptions of products entering the European Union from low- and middle-income countries that occurred in October 2024.

There were 84 EUROPHYT interceptions due to harmful organisms involving 26 AGRINFO partner countries (see Table 1), and 477 interceptions due to other non-conformities involving 53 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

October 2024

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Table 1
EUROPHYT interceptions due to harmful organisms on plants – October 2024

Country of origin	No.	Intercepted products	Harmful organisms
Brazil	1	Persian limes	Fungus
	6	Persian limes	Bacterias
Cambodia	1	Rice paddy herb, other *Limnophila* spp.	Whiteflies
Cameroon	1	Sweet potato	Nematodes
	1	Avocado	Fruit flies
China	1	Sweet and chilli peppers	Virus
	1	Lotus	Beetles
	1	Sageretia	Nematodes
	1	Tomato	Virus
Côte d'Ivoire	1	Mango	Fruit flies
	1	Ethiopian eggplants	Butterflies and moths
	1	Ethiopian eggplants	False codling moth
Democratic Republic of the Congo	1	Welsh onions	Leaf-miner flies
Ecuador	1	Baby's breath	Thrips
	1	Guavas	Fruit flies
	1	Ginger	Bacterias
Egypt	2	Mango	Fruit flies
Ethiopia	1	Roses	False codling moth
Ghana	1	Mango	Fruit flies
	1	Cassava	Whiteflies
	2	Ginger	Nematodes
Guatemala	2	Tomato	Virus
Honduras	1	Okra	Whiteflies
India	1	Ivy gourds	Fruit flies
	1	Angled luffas	Fruit flies
	2	Snake gourd, pointed gourd, other *Trichosanthes* spp.	Fruit flies
	1	Jujube, other *Ziziphus* spp.	Fruit flies
	1	Jujube	Fruit flies
Jordan	1	Okra	Whiteflies

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Country of origin	No.	Intercepted products	Harmful organisms
Kenya	4	Basil	Thrips
	1	Roses	False codling moth
Peru	3	Asparagus	Moths
Rwanda	1	Roses	Fall armyworm
South Africa	1	Sweet oranges	Fruit flies
	2	Sweet oranges	Fungus
	1	Litchi	False codling moth
Sri Lanka	1	Burhead	Whiteflies
	2	Moringa	Leaf-miner flies
	1	Passion fruit, sweet granadilla, other *Passiflora* spp.	Fruit flies
	1	Common guava	Fruit flies
	3	Snake gourd, pointed gourd, other *Trichosanthes* spp.	Fruit flies
Suriname	1	African eggplant	Thrips
	2	Eggplant	Moths
Thailand	1	Mixed plants	Leaf-miner flies
	7	Curcuma	Bacterias
	1	Culantro	Whiteflies
	1	Rambutan	Fruit flies
Togo	1	Ginger	Nematodes
Uganda	1	Roses	False codling moth
Uruguay	1	Sweet oranges	Fungus
Vietnam	1	Perilla	Whiteflies
	2	Vietnamese coriander	Whiteflies
	1	Knotweed	Whiteflies
	1	Java apple	Fruit flies
Zimbabwe	2	Sweet oranges	Fungus
	1	Sweet oranges	False codling moth
	1	Roses	False codling moth

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Table 2
EUROPHYT interceptions due to other non-conformities on plants – October 2024

Country of origin	No.	Intercepted products	Non-conformity
Algeria	5	Horticultural plants	PC absent
	1	Pomegranate	PC absent
	1	Pomegranate	PC: additional declaration missing
	1	Oregano, marjoram, other *Origanum* spp.	Others
Argentina	1	Lowbush blueberry	Others
	1	Pine	Non-compliance with special requirements (physical)
	1	Pine	Mismatch between identification mark and PC
Armenia	1	Tomato	PC: additional declaration inadequate or invalid
Bangladesh	1	Lemons	PC absent
	1	Lemons	Prohibited plants, plant products, or other objects
	1	Jerusalem artichoke	PC absent
	1	Jerusalem artichoke	Prohibited plants, plant products, or other objects
	1	Key limes	PC absent
	1	Lemons	PC absent
	1	Courgettes, pumpkins, other *Cucurbita* spp.	PC absent
	1	Mangoes, other *Mangifera* spp.	PC absent
	1	Betel leaves	PC absent
	2	Horticultural plants	PC absent
Botswana	1	Sweet oranges	PC: additional declaration missing
Brazil	1	Sweet and chilli peppers	Others
	1	Sweet and chilli peppers	PC absent
	4	Persian limes	Non-compliance with special requirements (physical)
	1	Persian limes	Prohibited plants, plant products, or other objects
	1	Melons (excl. watermelons)	Non-compliance with a derogation: expired validity date
	1	Melons (excl. watermelons)	Non-compliance with special requirements (documentary)
	1	Mango	PC incomplete: botanical name not included
	1	Citrus fruits (oranges, lemons, etc.)	PC absent
	1	Pine	PC: production unit number invalid (unlisted)
Burkina Faso	3	Mixed plants	Goods' quantity does not correspond with PC
	3	Mixed plants	Missing identification marks (production unit, clips, etc.)
	3	Mixed plants	Non-compliance with special requirements (documentary)
	3	Mixed plants	PC incomplete: botanical name not included
	3	Mixed plants	PC: false information
	3	Mixed plants	Presence of goods not mentioned on PC
Cameroon	1	Okra	PC absent

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Country of origin	No.	Intercepted products	Non-conformity
China	1	Aeonium	PC: additional declaration missing
	1	Apples	Consignee not listed in official register of producers/importers
	1	Apples	Consignment not presented for official controls
	1	Apples	No pre-notification in TRACES (CHED PART I)
	2	Apples	PC absent
	1	Apples	Prohibited plants, plant products, or other objects
	1	Desert Rose	Consignment not presented for official controls
	1	Desert Rose	PC absent
	1	Aster	Consignment not presented for official controls
	1	Aster	PC absent
	2	Cabbages, kales other brassica vegetables	PC absent
	1	Mixed plants	Consignee not listed in official register of producers/importers
	1	Mixed plants	Consignment not presented for official controls
	1	Mixed plants	No pre-notification in TRACES (CHED PART I)
	1	Mixed plants	PC absent
	1	Sweet and chilli peppers	PC absent
	1	Chrysanthemums	PC absent
	1	Coleus	Consignment not presented for official controls
	1	Coleus	PC absent
	1	Monstera	PC absent
	1	Lotus	Consignment not presented for official controls
	1	Lotus	PC absent
	1	Radishes	PC absent
	1	Pine	PC absent
	1	Poplar	PC absent
	1	Asian pear	PC: additional declaration inadequate or invalid
	1	Tree peonies	PC incomplete: no name of certifying officer
	1	Tree peonies	PC incomplete: no official NPPO stamp
	1	Tree peonies	PC incomplete: no signature of certifying officer
	1	Bird of paradise flower	PC: additional declaration inadequate or invalid
	1	Oak	PC: additional declaration missing
	2	Algae	Others
	1	Siberian larch	Non-compliance with Art. 47(1) (a) of Plant Health Regulation 2016/2031
	1	Siberian larch	PC: additional declaration missing

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Country of origin	No.	Intercepted products	Non-conformity
Colombia	1	Anthurium	Missing identification marks (production unit, clips, etc.)
	1	Anthurium	PC: non-certified copy or non-authenticated copy
	1	Orchids	Missing identification marks (production unit, clips, etc.)
	1	Orchids	PC: non-certified copy or non-authenticated copy
	1	Tillandsia	Missing identification marks (production unit, clips, etc.)
	1	Tillandsia	PC: non-certified copy or non-authenticated copy
	1	Tillandsia	Goods' nature does not correspond with PC
	1	Chrysanthemums	Goods' nature does not correspond with PC
	1	Sweet William, carnation, other *Dianthus* spp.	PC: false information
	1	Carnation	PC: false information
	1	Goldenrod, other *Solidago* spp.	Presence of goods not mentioned on PC
	1	Mango	Others
	1	Mango	PC absent
Comoros	2	Horticultural plants	PC absent
Côte d'Ivoire	1	Ethiopian eggplants	PC absent
Democratic Republic of the Congo	1	Amaranths	PC: additional declaration missing
	1	Malabar nightshade	PC: additional declaration missing
	1	Roselle, chinese hibiscus, other *Hibiscus* spp.	PC: additional declaration missing
Dominican Republic	1	Loquats/Japanese medlars	PC absent
	1	Apple	PC absent
	1	Cassava	PC absent
	1	Avocado	PC absent
	1	Guavas	PC absent
	2	Oregano, marjoram, other *Origanum* spp.	Others
	1	Cinnamon	Others
	1	Sugarcane	Others
Ecuador	1	Passion fruit (purple)	PC absent
	1	Pitahaya	PC absent
	1	Mixed plants	WPM: marking absent
Egypt	1	Beet	PC: additional declaration missing
	3	Sweet oranges	PC absent
	1	Lemons	Others
	1	Radishes	PC: additional declaration missing
	1	Eggplant	PC: additional declaration missing
	1	Potatoes	Others
	1	Potatoes	Consignee not listed in official register of producers/importers
	1	Papaya	PC: additional declaration inadequate or invalid
	1	Mangoes, other *Mangifera* spp.	PC: non-certified copy or non-authenticated copy
	1	Common guava	PC: non-certified copy or non-authenticated copy
Eswatini	1	Pomelo	PC: production unit number invalid (unlisted)
	1	Bitter oranges	PC: additional declaration missing
Ethiopia	1	Horticultural plants	PC absent

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Country of origin	No.	Intercepted products	Non-conformity
Ghana	1	Passion fruit (purple)	Others
	2	Turkey berry	PC: additional declaration inadequate or invalid
	2	Arrowleaf elephant ear, other *Xanthosoma* spp.	Goods' quantity does not correspond with PC
Gibraltar	1	Mixed plants	Others
	2	Mixed plants	WPM: marking absent
Guatemala	3	Cactus	PC: additional declaration inadequate or invalid
	1	Sandy everlasting	Prohibited plants, plant products, or other objects
Honduras	1	Beans	PC absent
	1	Avocado	PC absent
	1	Common plum	PC absent
	1	Mixed plants	WPM: marking absent
India	1	Watermelon	Goods' quantity does not correspond with PC
	1	Horticultural plants	PC absent
	1	Common beans	PC: expired date
	1	Okra	PC incomplete: production unit number not provided
	1	Onions	PC incomplete: production unit number not provided
	1	Sweet and chilli peppers	PC incomplete: production unit number not provided
	1	Sweet and chilli peppers	PC: additional declaration inadequate or invalid
	1	Watermelon	PC incomplete: production unit number not provided
	1	Citrus fruits (oranges, lemons, etc.)	Non-compliance with special requirements (physical)
	1	Lemons	PC absent
	1	Melons (excl. watermelons)	PC incomplete: production unit number not provided
	1	Courgettes, pumpkins, other *Cucurbita* spp.	PC incomplete: production unit number not provided
	1	Mixed plants	PC absent
	1	Common guava	PC incomplete: production unit number not provided
	2	Pomegranate	PC incomplete: production unit number not provided
	1	Pitahaya	PC incomplete: production unit number not provided
	1	Sweet corn	PC incomplete: production unit number not provided
	1	Chrysanthemums	PC incomplete: botanical name not included
	1	Chrysanthemums	PC: additional declaration missing
	1	Roses	PC incomplete: botanical name not included
Indonesia	1	Alocasia	Goods' nature does not correspond with PC
	1	Alocasia	PC: additional declaration missing
Iran	1	Onions, garlic, scallions, shallots, leeks, chives	PC absent
	1	Papaya	PC absent
	1	Lemons	PC absent
	1	Mango	PC absent
Jordan	1	Cucumber	Others
	1	Tomato	Others
Kazakhstan	1	Horticultural plants	PC: non-certified copy or non-authenticated copy
	1	Mixed plants	PC: unauthorised alterations/ modifications
	1	Conifers	Others

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Country of origin	No.	Intercepted products	Non-conformity
Kenya	1	Common ivy	PC: additional declaration missing
	1	Peruvian lily	PC incomplete: botanical name not included
	1	Chrysanthemums	PC incomplete: botanical name not included
	1	Sweet William, carnation, other *Dianthus* spp.	PC incomplete: botanical name not included
	1	Carnation	PC incomplete: botanical name not included
	1	Gerbera	PC incomplete: botanical name not included
	1	Baby's-breath	PC incomplete: botanical name not included
	1	Goatweed	PC incomplete: botanical name not included
	1	Sea-lavender	PC incomplete: botanical name not included
	1	Roses	Goods' nature does not correspond with PC
	1	Roses	PC incomplete: botanical name not included
	1	Butcher's broom	PC incomplete: botanical name not included
	1	Goldenrod, other *Solidago* spp.	PC: false information
	1	Sweet and chilli peppers	Prohibited plants, plant products, or other objects
	1	Tomato	PC: additional declaration missing
	1	Chrysanthemums	PC: additional declaration missing
Kyrgyzstan	1	Mixed plants	PC absent
Laos	1	Mixed plants	PC absent
Libya	1	Horticultural plants	Non-compliance with special requirements (physical)
	1	Horticultural plants	PC absent
Malaysia	1	Chilli pepper	PC: additional declaration inadequate or invalid
	1	Bamboo	PC absent
Mexico	1	Wheat	Others
	1	Sweet corn	PC: additional declaration missing
Morocco	2	European olive	Missing identification marks (production unit, clips, etc.)
	1	Red raspberry	Goods' nature does not correspond with PC
	3	Red raspberry	PC absent
	1	Mixed plants	WPM: illegible marking
	1	Mixed plants	WPM: marking absent
	3	Pine	WPM: illegible marking
	1	Pine	WPM: marking absent

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Country of origin	No.	Intercepted products	Non-conformity
Nigeria	1	Chilli pepper	PC incomplete: botanical name not included
	1	Chilli pepper	Presence of goods not mentioned on PC
	1	Melons (excl. watermelons)	PC absent
	1	Sweet potato	PC incomplete: botanical name not included
	1	Sweet potato	Presence of goods not mentioned on PC
North Macedonia	1	Apple	PC incomplete: botanical name not included
Pakistan	1	Papaya	PC absent
	1	Cucumber	PC absent
	2	Mango	PC absent
Peru	1	Beans	PC absent
	2	Sweet corn	PC absent
	3	Asparagus	Others
	2	Asparagus	PC: expired date
	1	Sweet and chilli peppers	PC absent
	1	Mandarin	PC: additional declaration inadequate or invalid
	3	Lemons	Unfit for inspection due to poor goods' quality
	1	Pumpkin	PC absent
	1	Sweet potato	PC absent
	1	Mango	PC absent
	1	Ulluco	PC absent
	1	European blueberry	Others
	1	Ginger	PC absent
	3	Potatoes	Prohibited plants, plant products, or other objects
	1	Mixed plants	WPM: illegible marking
	1	Cinnamon	Others
	2	Potatoes	Prohibited plants, plant products, or other objects

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Country of origin	No.	Intercepted products	Non-conformity
Rwanda	1	Sweet and chilli peppers	Others
Senegal	1	Peanut	Others
South Africa	1	Pomelo	PC: additional declaration missing
	3	Mandarin	Mismatch between identification mark and PC
	1	Mandarin	PC: additional declaration inadequate or invalid
	2	Mandarin	PC: production unit number invalid (unlisted)
	1	Mandarin	Presence of goods not mentioned on PC
	1	Sweet oranges	Others
	4	Sweet oranges	Mismatch between identification mark and PC
	2	Sweet oranges	Missing identification marks (production unit, clips, etc.)
	10	Sweet oranges	Non-compliance with special requirements (documentary)
	1	Sweet oranges	Others
	1	Sweet oranges	PC incomplete: production unit number not provided
	6	Sweet oranges	PC: additional declaration inadequate or invalid
	1	Sweet oranges	PC: additional declaration missing
	4	Sweet oranges	PC: false information
	27	Sweet oranges	PC: production unit number invalid (unlisted)
	1	Sweet oranges	Prohibited plants, plant products, or other objects
	1	Lemons	Mismatch between identification mark and PC
	4	Lemons	Non-compliance with special requirements (documentary)
	1	Lemons	PC incomplete: production unit number not provided
	1	Lemons	PC: additional declaration missing
	1	Lemons	PC: false information
	12	Lemons	PC: production unit number invalid (unlisted)
	1	Sweet cherry	PC: additional declaration missing
	1	Eggplant	PC: additional declaration missing
	1	Lowbush blueberry	PC: additional declaration missing
	1	Strawberry	Prohibited plants, plant products, or other objects

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Country of origin	No.	Intercepted products	Non-conformity
Sri Lanka	1	Waterweeds	PC absent
	3	Lotus	PC incomplete: botanical name not included
	3	Lotus	Prohibited plants, plant products, or other objects
	1	Jasmine	PC incomplete: botanical name not included
	1	Jasmine	Prohibited plants, plant products, or other objects
	1	Okra	PC: false information
	1	Sweet and chilli peppers	PC: additional declaration inadequate or invalid
	1	Sweet and chilli peppers	PC: additional declaration missing
	1	Key limes	PC absent
	1	Courgettes, pumpkins, other *Cucurbita* spp.	PC absent
	1	Mangoes, other *Mangifera* spp.	PC absent
	1	Mango	PC incomplete: botanical name not included
	1	Mango	Prohibited plants, plant products, or other objects
	1	Gac	PC incomplete: botanical name not included
	1	Gac	Prohibited plants, plant products, or other objects
	1	Turkey berry	PC incomplete: botanical name not included
	1	Turkey berry	Prohibited plants, plant products, or other objects
	1	Cowpeas, yardlong beans, other *Vigna* ssp.	PC incomplete: botanical name not included
	1	Cowpeas, yardlong beans, other *Vigna* ssp.	Prohibited plants, plant products, or other objects
	1	Dwarf copper leaf	PC incomplete: botanical name not included
	1	Dwarf copper leaf	Prohibited plants, plant products, or other objects
	1	Asiatic pennywort	PC incomplete: botanical name not included
	1	Asiatic pennywort	Prohibited plants, plant products, or other objects
	1	Cassava	PC incomplete: botanical name not included
	1	Cassava	Prohibited plants, plant products, or other objects
	1	Moringa	PC: false information
	1	Laurel/bay leaves	PC absent
	1	Curry tree	PC incomplete: botanical name not included
	1	Curry tree	Prohibited plants, plant products, or other objects
	4	Horticultural plants	PC incomplete: botanical name not included
	4	Horticultural plants	Prohibited plants, plant products, or other objects
	6	Horticultural plants	PC absent

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Country of origin	No.	Intercepted products	Non-conformity
Suriname	6	Horticultural plants	PC absent
	1	Horticultural plants	Prohibited plants, plant products, or other objects
Tanzania	1	Peperomia	PC incomplete: botanical name not included
Thailand	1	Cactus	Consignment not presented for official controls
	1	Cactus	PC absent
	8	Mixed plants	PC absent
	1	Stephania	PC: additional declaration missing
	1	Acacia	PC absent
	1	Garlic chives	PC absent
	1	Galangal roots	PC absent
	1	Fingerroot	PC absent
	1	Papaya	PC absent
	1	Coriander	PC absent
	1	Curcuma	PC incomplete: botanical name not included
	1	Curcuma	Presence of goods not mentioned on PC
	1	Durian	PC absent
	1	Culantro	PC absent
	1	Culantro	PC: false information
	1	Wild enoki	PC absent
	1	Water spinach	PC absent
	1	Leadtrees	PC absent
	1	Basil	PC: false information
	1	Holy basil	PC: false information
	1	Pandan	PC absent
	1	Bitter bean	PC absent
	1	Peas	PC absent
	1	Winged bean	PC absent
	1	Cowpeas, yardlong beans, other *Vigna* ssp.	PC absent
	1	Sweet corn	PC absent
	1	Basil	PC absent
Tunisia	5	Pomegranate	PC absent
	1	Sweet and chilli peppers	PC absent

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Country of origin	No.	Intercepted products	Non-conformity
Türkiye	2	Cabbages, kales, other brassica vegetables	PC absent
	1	Cactus	PC absent
	1	Sweet corn	PC: false information
	1	Papaya	PC absent
	2	Mango	PC absent
	1	Malay pommarosas	PC absent
	1	Pine	PC: expired date
	1	Mixed plants	Others
	1	Mixed plants	WPM: illegible marking
	1	Mixed plants	WPM: marking absent
	1	Wood	WPM: marking absent
	1	Larches	PC: additional declaration missing
Ukraine	1	Orchids	No pre-notification in TRACES (CHED PART I)
	1	Orchids	Others
	1	Orchids	PC absent
	1	Pine	WPM: illegible marking
	1	Pine	WPM: incomplete marking
	1	Oak	Consignee not listed in official register of producers/importers
Uruguay	1	Mandarin	Non-compliance with special requirements (physical)
	1	Lemons	Non-compliance with special requirements (physical)
Uzbekistan	1	Tomato	PC: additional declaration missing
Venezuela	1	Sweet granadilla	PC absent
	1	Avocado	PC absent
Vietnam	1	Field maple	PC absent
	1	Tomato	PC: non-certified copy or non-authenticated copy
	1	Onions, garlic, scallions, shallots, leeks, chives	PC absent
	1	Round kumquat	PC absent
	2	Mangoes, other *Mangifera* spp.	PC absent
Zimbabwe	1	Lowbush blueberry	PC: false information

CHED: common health entry document; NPPO: national plant protection organisation; PC: phytosanitary certificate; WPM: wood packaging material.

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