Plant health interceptions (EUROPHYT) in September 2025

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

Interceptions

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

There were 45 EUROPHYT interceptions due to harmful organisms involving 14 countries (see Table 1), and 380 interceptions due to other non-conformities involving 41 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

September 2025

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

Country of origin	No.	Intercepted products	Harmful organisms
Brazil	2	Persian limes	Asiatic citrus canker
Cambodia	1	Chilli pepper	Solanum fruit fly
	1	Eggplant	Solanum fruit fly
	2	Rice paddy herb and other *Limnophila* spp.	Silverleaf whitefly
Cameroon	1	Sweet potato	Guava root-knot nematode
China	2	Common beans	Bacterial blight of bean
	4	Tomato	Tomato brown rugose fruit virus
Colombia	1	Chrysanthemums	Corn earworm
	1	Chrysanthemums	Fall armyworm
Ecuador	1	Culantro and other *Eryngium* spp.	Corn earworm
Ethiopia	1	Roses	False codling moth
India	1	Common guava	Fruit flies from *Bactrocera* genus
	1	Tomato	Tomato brown rugose fruit virus
Kenya	3	Jute mallow and other *Corchorus* spp.	Silverleaf whitefly
	3	Perilla and other *Perilla* spp.	Silverleaf whitefly
	1	Pomegranate	False codling moth
Malaysia	1	Sweet and chilli peppers	False codling moth
Peru	1	Basil	Thrips from *Thripidae* family
	1	Basil	Thrips from *Thysanoptera* order
South Africa	2	Asparagus	Tobacco budworm
	3	Bitter oranges	Citrus black spot
	1	Ginger	Ralstonia
	1	Water mint	Silverleaf whitefly
Thailand	2	Courgettes, pumpkins, other *Cucurbita* spp.	Fruit flies from *Dacus* genus
	1	Sweet oranges	Citrus black spot
	1	Sweet oranges	False codling moth
Uruguay	1	Culantro	Silverleaf whitefly
	4	Philodendron	Silverleaf whitefly

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

Exporting country	No.	Plant species	Reason for refusal
Algeria	1	Onions	PC: unauthorised alterations/modifications
Argentina	3	Lemons	PC: production unit number invalid (unlisted)
	1	Lemons	PC: presence of goods not mentioned
	1	Lemons	Prohibited plants, plant products, or other objects
	1	Lemons	Unfit for inspection due to poor quality of goods
	1	Pine	PC: expired date
Botswana	6	Sweet oranges	PC: additional declaration inadequate or invalid
Brazil	1	Celery, mint, basil, parsley, anise, chayote	PC: nature of goods does not correspond
	1	Mango	PC absent
	1	Melons (excluding watermelons)	PC absent
	1	Mixed plants	WPM: incomplete marking
	3	Persian limes	Prohibited plants, plant products, or other objects
	1	Pine	NC: physical requirements
	1	Pine	PC: additional declaration missing
	1	Pine	PC: additional declaration inadequate or invalid
	1	Tea	Other
Cabo Verde	1	Cassava	PC absent
Cameroon	1	Arrowleaf elephant ear	PC: quantity of goods does not correspond
	1	Arrowleaf elephant ear	NC: documentary requirements
	1	Arrowleaf elephant ear	Other
	1	Arrowleaf elephant ear	PC absent
	1	Arrowleaf elephant ear	PC non-compliant with Reg. 2016/2031, Annex V
	1	Arrowleaf elephant ear	PC: false information
	1	Arrowleaf elephant ear	PC: non-certified copy or non-authenticated copy
	1	Arrowleaf elephant ear	PC: presence of goods not mentioned
	1	Ginger	PC: quantity of goods does not correspond
	1	Ginger	Other
	1	Ginger	PC absent
	1	Ginger	PC: false information
	1	Sweet corn	PC absent
	1	Sweet potato	PC: nature of goods does not correspond
	1	Sweet potato	PC: quantity of goods does not correspond
	1	Sweet potato	NC: documentary requirements
	1	Sweet potato	Other
	1	Sweet potato	PC absent
	1	Sweet potato	PC non-compliant with Reg. 2016/2031, Annex V
	1	Sweet potato	PC: false information
	1	Sweet potato	PC: non-certified copy or non-authenticated copy
	1	Sweet potato	PC: presence of goods not mentioned
	1	Yams	PC: quantity of goods does not correspond
	1	Yams	Other
	1	Yams	PC: false information

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Exporting country	No.	Plant species	Reason for refusal
China	1	Asparagus	PC absent
	1	Basil	PC non-compliant with Reg. 2016/2031, Annex V
	12	Cactaceae	PC: expired date
	1	Chinese fir	PC absent
	1	Common baby's-breath	PC: additional declaration missing
	1	Florist's daisy	PC: additional declaration missing
	1	Larches	PC: additional declaration missing
	1	Lavender	PC non-compliant with Reg. 2016/2031, Annex V
	1	Perennial ryegrass	NC: documentary requirements
	1	Pine	PC: additional declaration missing
	6	Plantain lilies	PC absent, no CHED Part I pre-notification
	1	Tree euphorbia	PC: expired date
	1	Zinnia	PC absent
Colombia	1	Avocado	PC absent
	1	Chrysanthemums	PC incomplete: absence of consignor, importer
	1	Cypress	Other
	1	Fountain grass	Prohibited plants, plant products, or other objects
	1	Lemons	PC absent
	1	Mango	PC absent
	1	Papaya	PC absent
	1	Passion fruit (purple)	Other
	1	Sweet granadilla	Other
Costa Rica	1	Ambarella	PC absent
	1	Anthurium	PC: additional declaration inadequate or invalid
	1	Dracanea	PC: additional declaration inadequate or invalid
	1	Ginger	Other
	1	Monstera	PC: additional declaration inadequate or invalid
	1	Philodendron	PC: additional declaration inadequate or invalid
	1	Scindapsus	PC: additional declaration inadequate or invalid
	1	Syngonium	PC: additional declaration inadequate or invalid
Cuba	4	Avocado	PC absent
	2	Chilli pepper	PC absent
	4	Guavas	PC absent
	1	Spanish lime	PC absent
Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC)	1	Mixed plants	PC absent
	1	Plantae	PC absent
	1	Soil	PC absent
	1	Vegetable plants	PC absent

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Exporting country	No.	Plant species	Reason for refusal
Dominican Republic	1	Ambarella	PC absent
	1	Avocado	PC absent
	1	Guavas	PC absent
Ecuador	1	Baby's-breath	Other
	1	Chrysanthemums	Other
	1	Chrysanthemums	PC: additional declaration missing
	1	Cordyline	PC: additional declaration missing
	1	Culantro and other *Eryngium* spp.	Other
	1	Dracanea	PC: additional declaration missing
	1	Garden croton	PC: additional declaration missing
	1	Goldenrod	Other
	1	Heliconia	PC: additional declaration missing
	1	Nipplefruit	PC: additional declaration missing
	1	Palms	PC: additional declaration missing
	1	Pandan and other *Pandanus* spp.	PC: additional declaration missing
	1	Pitahaya	NC: physical requirements
	1	Polypodium	PC: additional declaration missing
	1	Red ginger	PC: additional declaration missing
Egypt	1	Eggplant	PC: additional declaration inadequate or invalid
	1	Mango	PC: additional declaration missing
	1	Potatoes	PC incomplete: botanical name not included
	1	Potatoes	PC: additional declaration missing
Eswatini	1	Bitter oranges	PC: additional declaration inadequate or invalid
	1	Bitter oranges	PC: production unit number invalid (unlisted)
	1	Sweet oranges	PC: additional declaration inadequate or invalid
	1	Sweet oranges	PC: production unit number invalid (unlisted)
Ghana	2	Bermuda grass	PC absent
	1	Yams	Unfit for inspection due to poor quality of goods
Guatemala	1	Sweet corn	PC: additional declaration missing
India	1	Betel leaves	PC absent
	1	Bitter melon & other *Momordica* spp.	No pre-notification CHED Part I
	1	Bitter melon & other *Momordica* spp.	PC absent
	1	Bitter melon & other *Momordica* spp.	Prohibited plants, plant products, or other objects
	1	Indian gooseberry	PC: no signature of certifying officer
	1	Mixed plants	PC absent
	1	Turnip	PC absent

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Exporting country	No.	Plant species	Reason for refusal
Indonesia	1	Ardisia	PC: additional declaration inadequate or invalid
	1	Basil	NC: documentary requirements
	1	Begonia	PC: additional declaration inadequate or invalid
	1	Buce	PC: additional declaration inadequate or invalid
	1	Buce	PC absent
	1	Ficus	PC: additional declaration inadequate or invalid
	1	Homalomena	PC: additional declaration inadequate or invalid
	1	Labisia	PC: additional declaration inadequate or invalid
	1	Microsorum	PC: additional declaration inadequate or invalid
	1	Schismatoglottis	PC: additional declaration inadequate or invalid
	1	Sonerila	PC: additional declaration inadequate or invalid
Kenya	1	Bay laurel	Prohibited plants, plant products, or other objects
	1	Billy buttons	PC: quantity of goods does not correspond with PC
	3	Roses	Missing identification marks (production unit, clips, etc.)
	2	Roses	PC: production unit number not provided
Kosovo	2	Courgettes, pumpkins, other *Cucurbita* spp.	PC: false information, non-official EU language
	2	Sweet and chilli peppers	PC: false information, non-official EU language
	2	Tomato	PC: false information, non-official EU language
Madagascar	1	Plantains	NC: documentary requirements
	1	Plantains	PC: additional declaration missing
Mexico	1	Asparagus	PC: expired date
Morocco	1	Celery	PC absent
	1	Garlic	PC absent
	1	Lemons	PC absent
	1	European fan palm	NC: documentary requirements
	2	Tomato	PC absent
Mozambique	1	Cabbages, kales, other brassica vegetables	PC: presence of goods not mentioned
	1	Star lily	PC: presence of goods not mentioned
Namibia	6	Mandarin	NC: documentary requirements
Nigeria	1	Plants	PC absent
North Macedonia	1	Apple	Mismatch between identification mark and PC
Pakistan	1	Taro	PC incomplete: botanical name not included
Peru	1	Asparagus	Other
	2	Avocado	PC absent
	1	Potatoes	Presence of goods not mentioned on PC
	2	Potatoes	Prohibited plants, plant products, or other objects
	1	Sweet and chilli peppers	PC absent
	2	Sweet corn	PC absent

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Exporting country	No.	Plant species	Reason for refusal
Senegal	1	Kiwis	PC absent
	1	Kola/cola nuts	Other
	1	Potting soil	PC absent
	1	Psyllium	PC absent
	1	Roselle, Chinese hibiscus, other *Hibiscus* spp.	Other
	2	Tea	Other
South Africa	3	Bitter oranges	PC: additional declaration inadequate or invalid
	1	Citrus fruits (oranges, lemons, etc.)	PC absent
	2	Lemons	Mismatch between identification mark and PC
	5	Lemons	NC: documentary requirements
	1	Lemons	PC: additional declaration inadequate or invalid
	1	Lemons	PC: additional declaration missing
	1	Lemons	PC: presence of goods not mentioned
	2	Lemons	PC: production unit number invalid (unlisted)
	1	Lemons	PC: Production unit number not provided
	1	Lemons	PC: quantity of goods does not correspond
	1	Mandarin	NC: documentary requirements
	1	Mandarin	PC absent
	1	Mandarin	PC: additional declaration inadequate or invalid
	1	Mandarin	PC: additional declaration missing
	1	Mandarin	PC: false information
	6	Mandarin	PC: production unit number invalid (unlisted)
	1	Mixed plants	PC absent
	11	Sweet oranges	Mismatch between identification mark and PC
	1	Sweet oranges	Missing identification marks (production unit, clips, etc.)
	2	Sweet oranges	NC with a derogation, treatment specifications
	5	Sweet oranges	NC: documentary requirements
	4	Sweet oranges	NC: physical requirements
	1	Sweet oranges	PC absent
	4	Sweet oranges	PC: additional declaration inadequate or invalid
	3	Sweet oranges	PC: additional declaration missing
	1	Sweet oranges	PC: nature of goods does not correspond
	1	Sweet oranges	PC: presence of goods not mentioned
	1	Sweet oranges	PC: production unit number invalid (unlisted)
	1	Sweet oranges	PC: quantity of goods does not correspond

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Exporting country	No.	Plant species	Reason for refusal
Syria	8	Courgettes, pumpkins, other *Cucurbita* spp.	PC: false information/other
	1	Cowpeas, yardlong beans, other *Vigna* sub-species.	Other
	3	Cucumbers, gherkins, other *Cucumis* spp.	PC: false information/other
	3	Eggplant	Other
	1	European pear	Other
	3	Fig	PC: false information/other
	1	Grapes	Other
	4	Jute mallow and other *Corchorus* spp.	PC: false information/other
	3	Melons (excluding watermelons)	PC: false information/other
	4	Pistachio	PC: false information/other
	2	Pitahaya	PC: false information/other
	3	Plants	PC: false information/other
	4	Roselle, Chinese hibiscus, other *Hibiscus* spp.	PC: false information/other
	2	Vegetable plants	Other
Tanzania	1	Crown of thorns	PC: additional declaration inadequate or invalid
	1	Pelargonium	PC: additional declaration inadequate or invalid
Thailand	1	Asparagus	PC: additional declaration inadequate or invalid
	1	Phyllanthus	Other
	1	White oak	NC: documentary requirements
Tunisia	1	Bay laurel	PC absent
	1	Garlic	PC absent
	1	Garlic	Prohibited plants, plant products, or other objects
	1	Lemons	PC absent
	3	Lemons	Prohibited plants, plant products, or other objects
	2	Pomegranate	Unfit for inspection due to poor quality of goods
	1	Prickly pear	PC absent
	1	Prickly pear	Unfit for inspection due to poor quality of goods
	1	Sweet and chilli peppers	Unfit for inspection due to poor quality of goods
	1	Sweet corn	Other

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Exporting country	No.	Plant species	Reason for refusal
Türkiye	1	Cacao	WPM: marking absent
	1	Cucumber	Other
	1	Fig	PC: false information
	1	Indian lilac	Prohibited plants, plant products, or other objects
	1	Japanese elm	Prohibited plants, plant products, or other objects
	1	Micocoulier de Provence	Prohibited plants, plant products, or other objects
	1	Mimosa	PC absent
	2	Mixed plants	Prohibited plants, plant products, or other objects
	1	Scots pine	Prohibited plants, plant products, or other objects
	4	Sweet corn	PC: false information
	1	Tomato	PC: false information
Uganda	1	Arrowleaf elephant ear and other *Xanthosoma* spp.	PC: quantity of goods does not correspond
	1	Chilli pepper	PC: production unit number invalid (unlisted)
Ukraine	3	Common ash	PC non-compliant with Reg. 2016/2031, Annex V
	1	Deutzia	PC non-compliant with Reg. 2016/2031, Annex V
	1	European blackberry	PC non-compliant with Reg. 2016/2031, Annex V
	1	Forsythia	PC non-compliant with Reg. 2016/2031, Annex V
	1	Gooseberry	PC non-compliant with Reg. 2016/2031, Annex V
	1	Lowbush blueberry	PC non-compliant with Reg. 2016/2031, Annex V
	1	Oak	PC non-compliant with Reg. 2016/2031, Annex V
	1	Oak	PC non-compliant with Reg. 2016/2031, Annex V
	2	Red currants	PC non-compliant with Reg. 2016/2031, Annex V
	1	Red raspberry	PC non-compliant with Reg. 2016/2031, Annex V
	1	Roses	PC non-compliant with Reg. 2016/2031, Annex V
	1	Spiraea	PC non-compliant with Reg. 2016/2031, Annex V
	1	Weigela	PC non-compliant with Reg. 2016/2031, Annex V
Vietnam	1	Cinnamon	Unfit for inspection due to poor quality of goods
	1	Citrus fruits (oranges, lemons, etc.)	PC incomplete: botanical name not included
	1	Common guava	PC incomplete: botanical name not included
	2	Lotus	PC absent
	1	Mixed plants	PC absent
	1	Pomelo	PC incomplete: botanical name not included
	1	Potatoes, tomatoes, peppers, eggplants, other *Solanaceae* spp.	PC incomplete: botanical name not included
Zimbabwe	1	Sweet oranges	NC: documentary requirements
	1	Sweet oranges	NC: physical requirements
	1	Sweet oranges	PC: false information
	1	Sweet oranges	PC: nature of goods does not correspond
	1	Sweet oranges	PC: non-certified copy or non-authenticated copy

* CHED: Common Health Entry Document; NC, non-compliance; PC, phytosanitary certificate; WPM, wood packaging material.

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