

Preventing introduction of fall armyworm into the EU

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Regulation (EU) [2023/1134](#) on measures to prevent the introduction into, establishment and spread within the Union territory of *Spodoptera frugiperda* (Smith)

What is changing and why?

The EU is introducing new measures to reduce the risk of introduction and spread of fall armyworm (FAW). The products affected are: asparagus, corn, maize, eggplant, African eggplant, Ethiopian eggplant, aubergine, Capsicum, bell peppers, chilli peppers, paprika, bitter melon, bitter melon.

Exporters must implement one of five alternative options, listed in Article 10 of the Regulation, to ensure consignments are free from FAW.

In the phytosanitary certificate sent with exported products, the chosen option must be included under the heading “Additional Declaration”. The full wording in Article 10 must be used.

Actions

Non-EU countries that export the products listed above to the EU must choose and carry out one of the alternative options listed by the EU. This could mean official field inspections; the application of treatments; and/or traceability. Both operators and government authorities will be involved.

Affected products must be accompanied by a phytosanitary certificate with an Additional Declaration.

Exporters of asparagus are affected by these measures for the first time. They should evaluate the new requirements and select the most appropriate FAW management option.

Timeline

The Regulation enters into force on 12 June 2023 and applies until 31 December 2025.

Article 10 (“Introduction into the Union of the specified plants”) applies from 1 July 2023, except for the requirements concerning asparagus, which apply from 1 September 2023.

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