Amendments to list of Union quarantine pests

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Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2024/2004 as regards the listing of pests and rules on the introduction into, and movement within, the Union territory of plants, plant products and other objects

What is changing and why?

This Regulation updates the list of Union quarantine pests that affect plant products for food. Some **fruit fly** species are added to the list, including *Neoceratitis* and *Neotephritis* species. Special requirements relating to **Sweet potato chlorotic stunt virus** and **Sweet potato mild mottle virus** have been removed.

Most other changes concern plants for planting and non-food commodities, including cut flowers.

The EU updates its measures against plant pests according to the latest scientific knowledge and risk assessments. This is designed to safeguard agriculture and the environment across the European Union territory.

Actions

These additions to the list of Union quarantine pests, notably fruit fly species, are particularly important as they can be present in a wide variety of plant products. Producers and National Plant Protection Organisations in countries where these species occur should monitor them closely and ensure they are not present in exports destined for the EU.

The detection of any quarantine pests will automatically result in the rejection of whole consignments.

Timeline

Date of effect: **15 August 2024**. Some transition periods are planned.

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