

# Amendments to list of Union quarantine pests

*Published by AGRINFO on 03 May 2024; Revised 01 Aug 2024*

## Regulation

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.

For more information see the [full record](#) on the AGRINFO website – where you can also view the latest [AGRINFO Update](#) newsletters and [search](#) the database.

**Disclaimer:** *Under no circumstances shall COLEAD be liable for any loss, damage, liability or expense incurred or suffered that is claimed to have resulted from the use of information available on this website or any link to external sites. The use of the website is at the user's sole risk and responsibility. This information platform was created and maintained with the financial support of the European Union. Its contents do not, however, reflect the views of the European Union.*