

Proposed amendments to list of Union quarantine pests

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Regulation

[Proposal](#) 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 proposed Regulation updates the EU's protective measures against plant pests. Regarding plant products for food, the most significant changes are the following additions and deletions to the list of Union quarantine pests:

- additional fruit fly species including *Neoceratitis asiatica*, *Neoceratitis cyanescens*, and *Neotephritis finalis* (Tephritidae family) are added to the list, based on evidence of their harmful impact
- the mealybug *Ripersiella hibisci*, and the viruses Sweet potato chlorotic stunt virus, Sweet potato mild mottle virus, Tobacco ringspot virus, and Tomato ringspot virus, are removed from the list due to a lack of significant impact observed in the EU.

Most of the other proposed 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

Competent authorities of countries that are members of the WTO can submit comments on the EU's proposal by emailing the [EU SPS Enquiry Point](#) regarding [G/SPS/N/EU/759](#) until **1 July 2024**.

Businesses and organisations can also provide feedback via the European Commission's "Have your say" webpage – [Amendment of protective measures against pests of plants](#) – until **28 May 2024**.

The 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.

Timeline

This Regulation will take effect 20 days after its publication, and some transition periods will be planned.

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