

Revision of plant pest temporary prohibition lists

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EU removes snout moth (*Leucinodes pseudorbonalis*) as prohibited pest

Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) [2025/356](#) of 21 February 2025 amending Implementing Regulation (EU) 2022/1941 as regards the prohibition of introduction, movement, holding, multiplication or release of certain pests

Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) [2024/1957](#) of 17 July 2024 amending Implementing Regulation (EU) 2022/1941 as regards the prohibition of introduction, movement, holding, multiplication or release of certain pests

Update

The European Union (EU) has removed the **snout moth** (*Leucinodes pseudorbonalis*) from the list of pests temporarily prohibited from being introduced into the EU territory because it is considered to be a very low risk. The **eggplant fruit and shoot borer** (*Leucinodes orbonalis*) was removed from the list in 2024 for the same reason. The **Oriental tea tortrix** (*Homona magnanima*) was added to the list in 2024 due to risk concerns.

Impacted products

Apple, aubergine (eggplant), citrus, peanut, pears, persimmon, soybean, stone fruit, sweet cherry, tanbark, tea

What is changing?

The EU regularly updates the list of pests (listed in the Annex of Regulation [2022/1941](#)) that are temporarily prohibited from introduction into the EU on the basis of available scientific evidence.

The snout moth (*Leucinodes pseudorbonalis*) has now been removed from that list. This follows the removal in 2024 of the eggplant fruit and shoot borer (*Leucinodes orbonalis*).

The **Oriental tea tortrix** (*Homona magnanima*) was added to the list in 2024, following its discovery in imported produce intercepted at EU border controls ([CABI 2020](#); [JKI 2024](#)).

See Table 1 for the updated list.

Why?

EU Member States notify the European Commission of the presence of new pests in consignments that are intercepted during border controls. If they are not already classified as Union quarantine pests, but pose a significant risk, these pests are temporarily added to the list pending further assessment and potential addition to Annex II of Regulation [2019/2072](#). The removal of *Leucinodes pseudorbonalis* follows an evaluation by the European Food Safety Authority ([EFSA 2024a](#), [2024b](#)).

The list of regulated pests is updated on an ongoing basis according to the most recent scientific evaluations.

Timeline

The revised list of prohibited pests applies from **16 March 2025**.

Background

Regulation (EU) [2022/1941](#) prohibits the introduction, movement, holding, multiplication, or release of certain pests within the EU territory.

When EU Member States notify the Commission of the presence in consignments of new pests that are not listed as Union quarantine pests, but pose a significant risk, these pests are temporarily included in the list pending further assessment and potential addition to Annex II of Regulation [2019/2072](#).

Resources

CABI (2020) [Homona magnanima \(oriental tea tortrix\)](#). PlantwisePlus Knowledge Bank.

EFSA (2024a) [Pest risk assessment of *Leucinodes orbonalis* for the European Union](#). EFSA Journal, 22(3): e8498.

EFSA (2024b) [Pest risk assessment of African *Leucinodes* species for the European Union](#). EFSA Journal, 22(4): e8739.

JKI (2024) [Express PRA for *Homona magnanima* – Interception](#). Julius Kühn-Institut, 6 June.

Regulation (EU) [2024/1957](#) as regards the prohibition of introduction, movement, holding, multiplication or release of certain pests

Regulation (EU) [2022/1941](#) on the prohibition of introduction, movement, holding, multiplication or release of certain pests

Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) [2019/2072](#) as regards protective measures against pests of plants

Sources

Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) [2025/356](#) as regards the prohibition of introduction, movement, holding, multiplication or release of certain pests

Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) [2024/1957](#) as regards the prohibition of introduction, movement, holding, multiplication or release of certain pests

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Table & Figures

Table 1
List of pests subject to temporary prohibition

Common name	Pest species and EPPO code ^[1]	Expiry date of prohibition
Tobacco budworm	<i>Chloridea virescens</i> [HELIVI]	31 May 2027
Oriental tea tortrix	<i>Homona magnanima</i> [HOMOMA]	31 May 2027
Citrus fruit midge	<i>Resseliella citrifrugis</i> [RESSCI]	31 May 2027
Yellow-striped armyworm	<i>Spodoptera ornithogalli</i> [PRODOR]	31 May 2027

1. European and Mediterranean Plant Protection Organization: www.eppo.int

Source: based on Regulation [2025/356](#) (Annex)

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