

Revision of plant pest temporary prohibition lists

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Updated plant health rules: revision of the temporary list of pests subject to certain prohibitions

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 has amended Regulation [2022/1941](#) concerning the prohibition of certain pests in the EU territory. The **Oriental tea tortrix** (*Homona magnanima*) is added to the list as a new pest. The **eggplant fruit and shoot borer** (*Leucinodes orbonalis*) is removed following an assessment that concluded its risk to the EU is very low.

Impacted products

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

What is changing?

EU has amended Regulation [2022/1941](#) concerning the prohibition of the introduction, movement, holding, multiplication, or release of certain plant pests in the EU territory.

Oriental tea tortrix (*Homona magnanima*) is not present in the European Union, but has been intercepted at EU border controls on imported produce. A preliminary risk assessment by Germany ([JKI 2024](#)) indicates that this species could meet the criteria for Union quarantine pests, and temporary measures are justified due to its phytosanitary risk.

Eggplant fruit and shoot borer (*Leucinodes orbonalis*) was included in Regulation [2022/1941](#) based on provisional information. A subsequent risk assessment by the European Food Safety Authority ([EFSA 2024](#)) concluded that its risk to the EU is very low. It does not fulfil the criteria for Union quarantine pests, and is therefore removed from the list.

The Annex to Regulation 2022/1941 is updated to reflect these changes.

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

Timeline

Date of effect: **7 August 2024**.

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](#).

In 2021, several EU Member States reported the presence of certain pests in plant consignments from non-EU countries. Preliminary assessments indicated that these pests pose a high risk to the EU, but further assessment was needed for their full inclusion in quarantine pest lists.

Pests identified:

- tobacco budworm (*Chloridea virescens*)
- eggplant fruit and shoot borer (*Leucinodes orbonalis*)
- snout moth (*Leucinodes pseudorbonalis*)
- citrus fruit midge (*Resseliella citrifugis*)
- yellow-striped armyworm (*Spodoptera ornithogalli*).

Entry of these pests into the EU is temporarily prohibited until comprehensive risk assessments are completed. Except for *L. orbonalis*, this temporary prohibition remains in force until 31 May 2027.

Resources

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

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

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

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

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

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