Revision of plant pest temporary prohibition lists

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Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2026/1553 of 9 July 2026 amending Implementing Regulation (EU) 2022/1941 as regards the temporary prohibition of introduction into, movement within, holding, multiplication or release of certain pests in the Union territory [third amendment]

Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2025/356 [second amendment]

Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2024/1957 [first amendment]

What is changing and why?

The European Union (EU) has updated its temporary list of prohibited pests (Regulation 2022/1941) based on recent plant health risk assessments.

In 2026, the EU added two additional pests:

- Mexican cabbage head caterpillar (Copitarsia decolora)
- darkling beetle (Lagria villosa)

and extended the existing temporary prohibitions for:

- tobacco budworm (Chloridea virescens)
- Oriental tea tortrix (Homona magnanima)
- yellow-striped armyworm (Spodoptera ornithogalli).

This extension allows additional time to assess whether these pests should be permanently listed as Union quarantine pests.

See Table 1 for the updated list.

Timeline

The revised list of prohibited pests applies from **30 July 2026**.

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.

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Table 1
List of pests subject to temporary prohibition

Common name	Pest species and EPPO code[1]	Expiry date of prohibition
Citrus fruit midge	*Resseliella citrifrugis* [RESSCI]	31 May 2027 [unchanged]
Darkling beetle	*Lagria villosa* [LAGRVL]	30 June 2031
Mexican cabbage head caterpillar	*Copitarsia decolora* [COPITU]	30 June 2031
Oriental tea tortrix	*Homona magnanima* [HOMOMA]	31 May 2030
Tobacco budworm	*Chloridea virescens* [HELIVI]	31 May 2030
Yellow-striped armyworm	*Spodoptera ornithogalli* [PRODOR]	31 May 2030

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

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Source: based on Regulation 2026/1553 (Annex)

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