



# EU regulation on pest outbreak reporting

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# EU Plant Health Regime

## *Objective*

- PROTECT EU AGRICULTURE, HORTICULTURE & ENVIRONMENT FROM NEW PLANT PESTS

## *Challenges*

- Increasing international movements of plants
  - Global trade: EU world's biggest importer of agricultural goods
  - Travellers
- Climate change (sustainability goals)



# Key message

## PREVENTION

- Increased vigilance for imports
- Early identification and action against new pests
- Notification of outbreaks**
- Horizon scanning for new and emerging pests



# Legal Framework for notification of Outbreaks

- Regulation (EU) 2016/2031
- Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2019/2072
- Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2019/1715  
'IMSOC Regulation'

# EU Regulated pests

## Quarantine pests:

- Union quarantine pests
- Protected zone quarantine pests



**Priority pests**



*EU Reference laboratories (5)*

**Regulated non-quarantine pests**

# Legal framework for notification of Outbreak Regulation (EU) 2016/2031 (1)

## Obligation of EU Member States to notify pests:

- ✓ Union quarantine pests
- ✓ Protected zone quarantine pests
- ✓ Pests subject to emergency measures adopted pursuant Article 30, of Regulation 2016/2031
- ✓ EU non-regulated pests: Member State concerned considers that the pest may fulfil the conditions for inclusion in the list of Union quarantine pests



# Legal framework for notification of Outbreak Regulation 2016/2031 (2)

## Obligation of EU Member States to notify pests:

- ✓ presence in its territory of a pest not known to be present there
- ✓ presence of a Union quarantine pest in a part of its territory where it was previously not present
- ✓ Measures taken, risk assessments
- ✓ Notification of the eradication of an outbreak



# Legal framework for notification of Outbreaks

## Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2019/1715

### 'IMSOC Regulation' (1)

- Notification of outbreaks as required by Regulation (EU) 2016/2031, through an electronic notification system (referred to in Article 103)
- 'EUROPHYT Outbreaks' is the electronic notification system



# Legal framework for notification of Outbreaks

## Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2019/1715

### 'IMSOC Regulation' (2)

- ✓ Creation of EUROPHYT network
  - contact point for submitting EUROPHYT Outbreak notifications to the EUROPHYT outbreak network
  
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# Legal framework for notification of Outbreaks

## Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2019/1715

### 'IMSOC Regulation' (3)

- ✓ Content of notifications, Annex I
  - ➔ Harmonised reporting, standard outbreak notification report
- ✓ Timelines for submission of the information
- ✓ EU Member States indicate whether some or all of the information must be transmitted to the European and Mediterranean Plant Protection Organisation (EPPO).

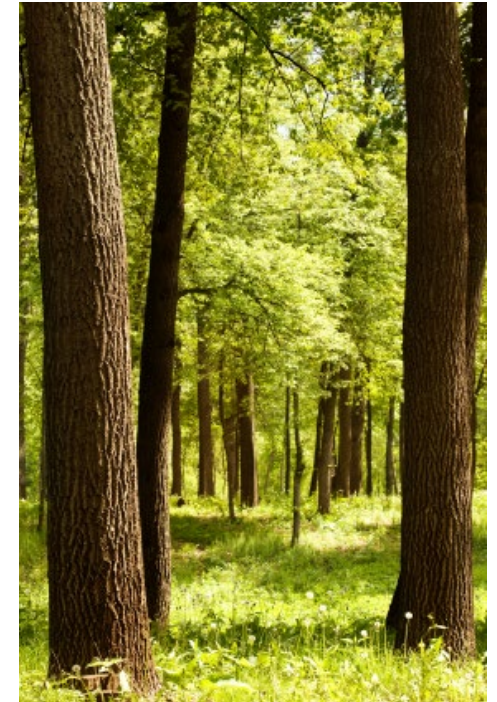
# Legal framework for notification of Outbreaks

## Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2019/1715

### 'IMSOC Regulation' (4)

Legal timelines for submission of outbreak notifications

- ✓ Initial notification no later than eight working days after the date of the official confirmation by the responsible official body of the presence of a pest
- ✓ Update no later than thirty days
- ✓ Follow-up update as soon as any relevant new information that has been made available or new measures have been taken



# More info

[https://food.ec.europa.eu/plants/plant-health-and-biosecurity\\_en](https://food.ec.europa.eu/plants/plant-health-and-biosecurity_en)

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