SAFE USE OF BIOLOGICAL CONTROL

PM 6/3 (5) Biological control agents safely used in the EPPO region

Specific scope: The purpose of this Standard is to provide a list of biological control agents (BCAs¹) used in the EPPO region with no adverse effects or with acceptable adverse effects. This list is aimed to facilitate decision making on the import and release of BCAs within EPPO countries.

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1 | INTRODUCTION

EPPO Standard PM 6/1 First import of exotic biological control agents for research under contained conditions (EPPO, 1999) provides guidelines to national authorities on the first import of non-indigenous BCAs for research under contained conditions. EPPO Standard PM 6/2 (3) Import and release of non-indigenous biological control agents (EPPO, 2014) provides guidelines to national authorities on the application procedures to release nonindigenous BCAs into the environment. This standard also includes the preparation of a dossier by the applicant for evaluation by the national competent authority. To help evaluate the information in the dossier, EPPO has developed a decision support scheme in Standard PM 6/4 Decision support scheme for import and release of biological control agents of plant pests. This scheme can be used by a national competent authority to assess whether to authorize the import and release of a nonindigenous BCA.

¹BCAs of invertebrate pests or of plants (weeds, parasitic and invasive plants) may be listed. Microorganisms used as plant protection products are not considered (since they are often covered by other regulations in EPPO countries, such as EU Regulation 1107/2009). However, microorganisms used for classical biological control may be included.

There is extensive knowledge and experience on the safety and practical use of introduced and indigenous BCAs in a number of EPPO countries. This knowledge and experience may be used to simplify procedures for approving the release of these BCAs in countries outside their current distribution. EPPO has therefore developed a list of BCAs used in the EPPO region to support EPPO member countries when making decisions concerning the release of BCAs. This list is updated annually. It is divided into three parts: commercially or officially used BCAs (Appendix 1), successfully established classical BCAs (Appendix 2) and BCAs formerly listed (in Appendices 1 or 2) but moved because they no longer meet the criteria for inclusion in the first two appendices (Appendix 3). The first two appendices constitute the EPPO Positive List. The addition of a BCA to the Positive List is made on the basis of current knowledge and expert judgement of the Joint EPPO/IOBC Panel on Biological Control Agents. The list is subject to regular review and may change based on new information whereby a listed BCA may no longer fulfil the criteria and is moved to Appendix 3.

Transfer of a BCA from the Positive List to Appendix 3 does not mean that it is not recommended for use but only that it should be assessed before release (e.g. using EPPO PM 6/4 Decision support scheme for import and release of biological control agents of plant pests).

2 | CRITERIA FOR ADDITION TO THE POSITIVE LIST

The Positive List specifies indigenous, introduced and established BCAs² which are recognized by the Joint EPPO/IOBC Panel on Biological Control Agents to have been used in several EPPO countries with no adverse effects, or with acceptable adverse effects, and approved by the EPPO Working Party for Phytosanitary Regulations. Other EPPO countries may therefore presume with some confidence that, in the absence of

²In relation to ISPM No. 3, this means BCAs which either originate in the EPPO region (i.e. indigenous) or have been released into an ecosystem in the EPPO region where they did not exist previously (i.e. introduced) or are perpetuating themselves in the EPPO region after introduction for the foreseeable future (i.e. established).

unacceptable adverse effects, these BCAs can be introduced and used safely. They may, according to their judgement, dispense with, or simplify, the notification procedures proposed in EPPO Standards PM 6/1, PM 6/2 and PM 6/4. The list only deals with the safety aspects of the BCAs and does not consider their efficacy.

The BCAs are listed on the basis of expert evaluation of the available information. For BCAs to be added to the Positive List, there must either be an absence of reports of adverse effects or, when available reports exist, adverse effects are considered to be acceptable by the joint EPPO/ IOBC Panel. BCAs must also meet the following criteria:

1. BCA for augmentative use which is (or has been) commercially available or officially used (Appendix 1)

AND either

- a. is indigenous³ and widespread in part of, or the whole of, the EPPO region; or
- b. is established and widespread in part of, or the whole of, the EPPO region; or
- c. has been used for at least 5 years in at least 5 EPPO countries (exceptionally fewer, if relevant crops, target pests or plants are present in <5 countries);

OR

2. BCA for classical use which is found, at least 5 years after release, to be successfully established in part of, or the whole of, the EPPO region (Appendix 2).

The absence of a given organism from the Positive List may mean that it has not yet been studied by the joint EPPO/IOBC Panel or that it does not meet the criteria.

The following Standards are referred to:

EPPO Standards PM 6: Safe use of biological control EPPO (1999) PM 6/1 First import of exotic biological control agents for research under contained conditions. EPPO Bulletin, 29, 271–272.

EPPO (2014) PM 6/2(3) Import and release of non-indigenous biological control agents. EPPO Bulletin, 44, 320–329.

EPPO (2018) PM 6/4 Decision-support scheme for import and release of biological control agents of plant pests. EPPO Bulletin, 48, 352–367.

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APPENDICES

The lists which constitute the appendices are available via the web link https://www.eppo.int/RESOURCES/eppo_standards/pm6_biocontrol.

APPENDIX 1 – COMMERCIALLY OR OFFICIALLY USED BIOLOGICAL CONTROL AGENTS

Further details are given for each BCA, including its preferred scientific name, common synonyms, taxonomic classification, the pests against which it is mostly targeted, its origin and the date of first use as a commercial agent. In cases where information is not known a (?) is detailed. Countries where it is or has been used in the EPPO region are also listed on the basis of information provided by the companies and by some EPPO countries. This information may not have been available from all EPPO countries and may therefore be incomplete. Each agent has been used commercially at some time in the countries listed, but in some cases may no longer be commercially available or used there. Information is also given, when available, on the natural distribution of the agent in the EPPO region, whether it is used in the field and/or under protected conditions. Additional remarks are included when necessary.

APPENDIX 2 – CLASSICAL BCAS SUCCESSFULLY ESTABLISHED IN THE EPPO REGION

Further details are given for each BCA, including its name, common synonyms, taxonomic classification, the pest(s) against which it has been released, date of first use, whether the BCA was introduced as single or multiple introductions and the origin of the collected material. Countries where the BCA has been introduced for classical biological control in the EPPO region are also listed. The presence of a BCA on the list means that it has been successfully established in at least one of the countries mentioned. The results of the introductions in target pest control, and results of introduction, in different countries are given, when available, as follows: [C] complete, [S] substantial, [P] partial, [E] established but not contributing to control or status unknown, [F] failed to become established, [N] no information on the outcome, [T] established but believed to have died out. Asterisks (*) indicate cases where more than one BCA contributed to the result. In cases where information is not known a (?) is detailed. Information on countries and results of introductions are given on the basis of information provided by the BIOCAT database of CABI (data from the 1890s until 2010) and by some EPPO countries. Countries are, as far as possible, listed in the chronological order of introduction of the agent for classical biological control. The list of countries indicates to a certain degree the area in which each organism is present and

³Natural enemies released into areas where they are indigenous are considered inherently safe. Nevertheless, it is recognized that indigenous BCAs could have some 'transient adverse effects' if mass releases are used at the wrong time. This is not an obstacle for the inclusion of a BCA to the Positive List since no long-term consequences are expected.

established in the EPPO region, to the extent that each successful introduction can be presumed to have involved establishment. However, organisms may already be indigenous in some parts of the EPPO region, or have spread from countries where they were introduced, or indeed have disappeared from countries where they were once established, so the true distribution is uncertain in many cases. In some cases, a general statement can be made about the present distribution in the EPPO region and this has been added in italics at the end of the list of countries.

APPENDIX 3 – BIOLOGICAL CONTROL AGENTS FORMERLY LISTED IN APPENDICES 1 OR 2

Species in Appendix 3 were listed in Appendices 1 or 2 but have been removed from one of these appendices. These species are not necessarily unsafe. Rather, they no longer fulfil all of the criteria to remain on the Positive List. The date of removal and a summary of the reasons for its removal from Appendix 1 or Appendix 2 are provided. Evidence for removal relating to adverse effects in one or more countries in the EPPO region are referenced.

Appendices 1-3 (2023 version)

APPENDIX I - Commercially or officially used biological control agents

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INSECTA

Coleoptera

Adalia bipunctata
Aleochara bilineata
Atheta coriaria
Chilocorus baileyi
Chilocorus bipustulatus
Chilocorus circumdatus
Chilocorus nigrita
Coccinella septempunctata
Cryptolaemus montrouzieri

Delphastus catalinae Exochomus quadripustulatus Propylea quatuordecimpunctata

Rhyzobius lophanthae Rodolia cardinalis Scymnus rubromaculatus Stethorus punctillum

<u>Diptera</u>

Aphidoletes aphidimyza Episyrphus balteatus Eupeodes corollae Feltiella acarisuga Sphaerophoria rueppellii

Hemiptera/Heteroptera

Anthocoris nemoralis Anthocoris nemorum Macrolophus pygmaeus Orius albidipennis Orius laevigatus Orius majusculus Picromerus bidens Podisus maculiventris

Hymenoptera

Acerophagus maculipennis
Anagrus atomus
Anagyrus fusciventris
Anagyrus vladimiri
Anastatus bifasciatus
Aphelinus abdominalis
Aphidius colemani
Aphidius ervi
Aphidius matricariae
Aphytis diaspidis
Aphytis holoxanthus

Aphytis lingnanensis Aphytis melinus Aprostocetus hagenowii Bracon hebetor Coccophagus lycimnia Coccophagus rusti Coccophagus scutellaris Compariella bifasciata Cotesia marginiventris Dacnusa sibirica Diglyphus isaea Encarsia citrina Encarsia formosa Encyrtus aurantii Encyrtus infelix Ephedrus cerasicola Eretmocerus eremicus Eretmocerus mundus Gyranusoidea litura Leptomastidea abnormis Leptomastix dactylopii Leptomastix epona Metaphycus flavus Metaphycus helvolus Metaphycus lounsburyi Metaphycus swirskii

Tetracnemoidea brevicornis Thripobius javae Trichogramma brassicae

Tetracnemoidea peregrina

Microterys nietneri Opius pallipes

Scutellista caerulea

Praon volucre

Trichogramma brassicae
Trichogramma cacoeciae
Trichogramma cordubensis
Trichogramma dendrolimi
Trichogramma evanescens
Trichogramma pintoi
Trichopria drosophilae
Trissolcus basalis

Neuroptera

Chrysoperla carnea Micromus angulatus

Thysanoptera

Franklinothrips megalops

Franklinothrips vespiformis Phytoseiulus persimilis Karnyothrips melaleucus Pronematus ubiquitus

ARACHNIDA Transeius montdorensis
Acarina Typhlodromus pyri

Amblydromalus limonicus Amblyseius andersoni Amblyseius barkeri

Neoseiulus cucumeris

Amblyseius degenerans
Amblyseius swirskii
Cheyletus eruditus
Euseius gallicus
Hypoaspis aculeifer
Macrocheles robustulus
Metaseiulus occidentalis
Neoseiulus californicus

NEMATODA

Steinernema kraussei

Heterorhabditis bacteriophora Heterorhabditis downesi Heterorhabditis megidis Phasmarhabditis californica Phasmarhabditis hermaphrodita Steinernema carpocapsae Steinernema feltiae Steinernema glaseri

Insecta, Coleoptera

Adalia bipunctata

Family Coccinellidae
Main target pests Aphididae
Original distribution Palaearctic (?)
Distribution in EPPO Widespread

Date of first use ?

EPPO countries where used Belgium, Denmark, Germany, Italy, Netherlands, Portugal, Switzerland

Use Indoors

Aleochara bilineata

Family Staphylinidae

Main target pests

Delia antiqua, Delia radicum (= Delia brassicae)

Original distribution

Northern and Middle Europe, Canada and USA

Distribution in EPPO Widespread

Date of first use 1997 (in Netherlands)

EPPO countries where used

Netherlands, some other European countries

Use Outdoors

Atheta coriaria

Synonyms Atheta brachelytra, Dalotia coriaria, Homalota coriaria

Family Staphylinidae

Original distribution Europe, Northern Asia, North America, Oceania, widespread in EPPO

region

Main target pests Thripidae (thrips), Sciaridae (fungus gnats), Ephydridae (shore flies)

Date of first use 2002 (Biobest)

EPPO countries where used Belgium, France, Germany, Netherlands, Poland, Spain, Switzerland,

United Kingdom

Use Indoors

Chilocorus baileyi

Family Coccinellidae
Main target pests Diaspididae
Original distribution Australia
Distribution in EPPO Not established

Date of first use 1985

EPPO countries where used Belgium, France, Netherlands

Use Indoors

Chilocorus bipustulatus

Family Coccinellidae

Main target pests Diaspididae, Coccidae (Saissetia oleae)

Original distribution South Palaearctic

Distribution in EPPO Widespread (South and Central)

Date of first use 1959

EPPO countries where used Belgium, France, Greece, Israel, Italy, Netherlands, Turkey

Use Outdoors/Indoors

Chilocorus circumdatus

Family Coccinellidae
Main target pests Diaspididae
Original distribution S. E. Asia
Distribution in EPPO Not established

Date of first use 1985

EPPO countries where used Belgium, France, Netherlands

Use Indoors

Chilocorus nigrita

Family Coccinellidae

Main target pests Diaspididae, Asterolecaniidae

Original distribution S. Asia

Distribution in EPPO Not established

Date of first use 1985

EPPO countries where used Belgium, Denmark, France, Germany, Netherlands, UK

Use Indoors

Coccinella septempunctata

Family Coccinellidae
Main target pests Aphididae
Original distribution Palaearctic
Distribution in EPPO Widespread
Date of first use 1980

EPPO countries where used France, Germany, Portugal

Use Outdoors

Cryptolaemus montrouzieri

Family Coccinellidae
Main target pests Planococcus citri
Original distribution Australia

Distribution in EPPO Mediterranean area

Date of first use 1985

EPPO countries where used Austria, Belgium, Czechia, Denmark, Finland, France, Germany, Greece,

Guernsey, Ireland, Italy, Jersey, Netherlands, Norway, Poland, Portugal,

Russia, Slovakia, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, Tunisia, UK

Use Indoors/outdoors

Delphastus catalinae

Synonym Delphastus pusillae
Family Coccinellidae

Main target pests Aleyrodidae (Trialeurodes vaporariorum, Bemisia tabaci)

Original distribution Nearctic/Neotropic

Distribution in EPPO Not established

Date of first use 1993

EPPO countries where used Belgium, Czechia, Denmark, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Jordan,

Netherlands, Poland, Russia, Spain, Tunisia, UK (restricted under license)

Use Indoors

Exochomus quadripustulatus

Synonym -

Family Coccinellidae

Main target pests Hemiptera (Pulvinaria, Saissetia oleae, Ceroplastes, Sphaerolecanium and

Coccus)

Original distribution Europe, and throughout Paleartic region

Distribution in EPPO Widespread
Date of first use 1975

EPPO countries where used Germany, Greece,
Use Outdoors/Indoors

Propylea quatuordecimpunctata

Synonyms Propylaea 14-punctata, Calvia

Family Coccinellidae

Main target pests great variety of aphids belonging to the superfamily of Aphidoidea

Original distribution Native to the Palearctic region and widely distributed in Europe, established

in the Nearctic region.

Distribution in EPPO Albania, Austria, Belgium, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Bulgaria,

Croatia, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Italy, Latvia, Luxembourg, Macedonia, Malta, Moldova, Norway, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Russia, Slovakia, Slovenia,

Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, the Netherlands, Turkey, Ukraine.

Date of first use 2013

EPPO countries where used Belgium, Italy, Luxembourg, the Netherlands, Spain, UK and Benelux

Use Indoors/outdoors

Rhyzobius lophanthae

Synonym Lindorus lophanthae

Family Coccinellidae

Main target pests Diaspididae (Pseudolacaspis pentagona), Quadraspidiotus perniciosus,

 $Chry som phalus\ dicty ospermi,\ Parlatoria\ blanchardi$

Original distribution Australia

Distribution in EPPO Mediterranean, Russia

Date of first use 1980

EPPO countries where used Belgium, Denmark, Germany, Greece, Israel, Italy, Netherlands, Portugal,

Switzerland, Turkey

Use Indoors

Rodolia cardinalis

Family Coccinellidae
Main target pests Icerya purchasi
Original distribution Australia

Distribution in EPPO Mediterranean, CIS

Date of first use ?1980s

EPPO countries where used Belgium, Netherlands
Use Indoors/outdoors

Scymnus rubromaculatus

Family Coccinellidae
Main target pests Aphididae

Original distribution Central Europe

Distribution in EPPO Finland, Estonia, Lithuania

Date of first use 1990

EPPO countries where used Belgium, France, Netherlands, Portugal

Use Indoors

Stethorus punctillum

Family Coccinellidae

Main target pests Panonychus ulmi
Original distribution Palaearctic
Distribution in EPPO Widespread
Date of first use 1995

EPPO countries where used Belgium, France, Germany, Netherlands, Portugal, Spain, Sweden

Use Indoors

Insecta, Diptera

Aphidoletes aphidimyza

Family Cecidomyiidae

Main target pests Aphididae (Aphis gossypii, Myzus persicae, Macrosiphum sp., Aulacorthum

sp.)

Original distribution Central Europe, Palaearctic

Distribution in EPPO Widespread
Date of first use 1985

EPPO countries where used Austria, Belgium, Czechia, Denmark, Finland, France, Germany, Greece,

Guernsey, Hungary, Ireland, Italy, Jersey, Jordan, Lithuania, Malta, Morocco, Netherlands, Norway, Poland, Portugal, Spain, Slovakia, Sweden,

Switzerland, Tunisia, UK

Use Indoors/outdoors

Episyrphus balteatus

Family Syrphidae
Main target pests Aphididae
Original distribution Europe
Distribution in EPPO Widespread
Date of first use 1995

EPPO countries where used Belgium, Denmark, Germany, Italy, Netherlands, Portugal

Use Indoors/outdoors

Eupeodes corollae

Synonyms Metasyrphus corollae, Syrphus corollae

Family Syrphidae
Main target pests Aphididae

Original distribution Palaearctic and southern Afrotropical regions

Distribution in EPPO Widespread
Date of first use 2020

EPPO countries where used Belgium, Latvia, the Netherlands, Spain, UK

Use Indoors/outdoors

Feltiella acarisuga

Synonyms Feltiella tetranychi, Therodiplosis persicae

Family Cecidomyiidae

Main target pests Tetranychus urticae, T. cinnabarinus

Original distribution W. Europe/Mediterranean

Distribution in EPPO Widespread

Date of first use 1995

EPPO countries where used Belgium, Czechia, Denmark, Finland, France, Germany, Guernsey, Ireland,

Italy, Lithuania, Netherlands, Norway, Poland, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland,

UK

Use Indoors

Sphaerophoria rueppellii

Synonyms Sphaerophoria flavicauda, Sphaerophoria nitidicollis

Family Syrphidae

Main target pests Mainly Aphididae but also whiteflies, thrips and spider mites
Original distribution Widely distributed in Palaearctic and Afrotropical regions

Distribution in EPPO Mediterranean region

Date of first use 2012
EPPO countries where used Spain

Use Indoors/outdoors

Insecta, Hemiptera/Heteroptera

Anthocoris nemoralis

Family Anthocoridae
Main target pests Psyllidae (orchards)

Original distribution Palaearctic
Distribution in EPPO Widespread

Date of first use ?

EPPO countries where used Belgium, Denmark, Germany, Netherlands

Use Outdoors

Anthocoris nemorum

Family Anthocoridae

Main target pests Cacopsylla pyri, thrips

Original distribution Palaearctic
Distribution in EPPO Widespread
Date of first use 1992

EPPO countries where used Belgium, Denmark, France, Italy, Jersey, Netherlands, UK

Use Outdoors

Macrolophus pygmaeus

Family Miridae

Main target pests Aleyrodidae

Original distribution Palaearctic

Distribution in EPPO Widespread

Date of first use 1990

EPPO countries where used Austria, Belgium, Czechia, Denmark, Finland, France, Germany, Greece,

Guernsey, Hungary, Ireland, Italy, Jordan, Lithuania, Malta, Netherlands, Norway, Poland, Portugal, Slovakia, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, Tunisia,

Turkey, UK (restricted under license)

Use Indoors

Additional remark Macrolophus pygmaeus was previously included on the positive list under

the name Macrolophus melanotoma (synonym: Macrolophus caliginosus),

this error was found and corrected in 2009;

Macrolophus pygmaeus has been reported as damaging on cherry tomato and on *Gerbera*. It is therefore not recommended for use on these crops. Caution is advised when using *M. pygmaeus* on any new crop, particularly

ornamentals with a low threshold for cosmetic damage.

Orius albidipennis

Family Anthocoridae
Main target pests Thrips

Original distribution Mediterranean, palaearctic

Distribution in EPPO Mediterranean

Date of first use 1991

EPPO countries where used Belgium, France, Israel, Italy, Netherlands, Spain

Use Indoors

Orius laevigatus

Family Anthocoridae

Main target pests Thripidae (Frankliniella occidentalis, Thrips tabaci)

Original distribution Palaearctic (except north)
Distribution in EPPO Widespread (except north)

Date of first use 1991

EPPO countries where used Austria, Belgium, Czechia, Denmark, Finland, France, Germany, Greece,

Guernsey, Hungary, Ireland, Italy, Jersey, Jordan, Lithuania, Malta, Morocco, Netherlands, Norway, Poland, Portugal, Slovakia, Spain,

Switzerland, Tunisia, UK

Use Indoors

Orius majusculus

Family Anthocoridae

Main target pests Thripidae (Frankliniella occidentalis, Thrips tabaci)

Original distribution Palaearctic
Distribution in EPPO Widespread
Date of first use 1991

EPPO countries where used Austria, Belgium, Czechia, Denmark, Finland, France, Germany, Greece,

Guernsey, Italy, Jersey, Lithuania, Netherlands, Norway, Poland, Portugal,

Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, UK

Use Indoors

Picromerus bidens

Family Pentatomidae
Main target pests Lepidoptera

Original distribution Palaearctic (also established in Nearctic)

Distribution in EPPO Widespread
Date of first use 1990

EPPO countries where used CIS countries, Germany, Poland, Russia

Use Outdoors/indoors

Podisus maculiventris

Family Pentatomidae

Main target pests Lepidoptera, Leptinotarsa decemlineata

Original distribution North and South America

Distribution in EPPO Not established

Date of first use 1996

EPPO countries where used Belgium, Bulgaria, Denmark, Finland, France, Greece, Italy, Netherlands,

Russia, Spain

Use Indoors/outdoors

Insecta, Hymenoptera

Acerophagus maculipennis

Synonym Pseudaphycus maculipennis¹

Family Encyrtidae
Main target pests Pseudococcidae
Original distribution Palaearctic

Distribution in EPPO Widespread (south)

Date of first use 1980

EPPO countries where used Belgium, France, Germany, Netherlands, Spain

Use Indoors

Anagrus atomus

Family Mymaridae
Main target pests Cicadellidae
Original distribution Palaearctic

Distribution in EPPO ?

Date of first use 1994

EPPO countries where used Belgium, France, Germany, Guernsey, Jersey, Netherlands, Spain, UK

Use Indoors

Anagyrus fusciventris

Family Encyrtidae

Main target pests Pseudococcidae

Original distribution Australia

Distribution in EPPO Not present

Date of first use 1990

EPPO countries where used Belgium, Denmark, France, Germany, Netherlands, Spain

Use Indoors

Anagyrus vladimiri

Synonym Anagyrus pseudococci²

Family Encyrtidae

Main target pests Pseudococcidae

Original distribution Mediterranean

Distribution in EPPO Mediterranean

Date of first use 1995

EPPO countries where used France, Czechia, Greece, Italy, Netherlands, Portugal, Spain

Use Indoors/outdoors

Anastatus bifasciatus

Family Eupelmidae

Main target pests Heteroptera (Halyomorpha halys)

Original distribution Europe
Distribution in EPPO Widespread
Date of first use 2019
EPPO countries where used Italy
Use Outdoors

Aphelinus abdominalis

Family Aphelinidae

¹ The genus *Pseudaphycus* was synonymized with the genus *Acerophagus*: Trjapitzin VA (2008) A Review of Encyrtid Wasps (Hymenoptera, Chalcidoidea, Encyrtidae) of Macaronesia. *Entomological Review*, Vol. 88, No. 2, pp. 218–232.

² Andreason SA, Triapitsyn SV & Perring TM (2019) Untangling the *Anagyrus pseudococci* species complex (Hymenoptera: Encyrtidae), parasitoids of worldwide importance for biological control of mealybugs (Hemiptera: Pseudococcidae): Genetic data corroborates separation of two new, previously misidentified species. Biological Control **129**: 65-82.

Main target pests Aphididae (Macrosiphum euphorbiae, Aulacorthum solani)

Original distribution Europe
Distribution in EPPO Widespread
Date of first use 1992

EPPO countries where used Austria, Belgium, Bulgaria, Czechia, Denmark, Finland, France, Germany,

Greece, Guernsey, Ireland, Italy, Jersey, Jordan, Netherlands, Poland,

Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, Tunisia, UK

Use Indoors

Aphidius colemani

Family Braconidae

Main target pests Aphididae (Aphis gossypii, Myzus persicae, M. nicotianae)

Original distribution North Africa, Middle East, India

Distribution in EPPO Mediterranean area

Date of first use 1992

EPPO countries where used Austria, Belgium, Czechia, Denmark, Finland, France, Germany, Greece,

Guernsey, Hungary, Ireland, Italy, Jersey, Jordan, Lithuania, Malta, Morocco, Netherlands, Norway, Poland, Portugal, Slovakia, Spain, Sweden,

Switzerland, Tunisia, Turkey, UK

Use Indoors

Aphidius ervi

Family Braconidae

Main target pests Aulacorthum solani, Macrosiphum euphorbiae

Original distribution Palaearctic
Distribution in EPPO Widespread
Date of first use 1995

EPPO countries where used Belgium, Czechia, Denmark, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Guernsey,

Hungary, Ireland, Italy, Jersey, Lithuania, Netherlands, Norway, Poland,

Portugal, Slovakia, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, UK

Use Indoors/outdoors

Aphidius matricariae

Family Braconidae
Main target pests Myzus persicae
Original distribution Holarctic

Distribution in EPPO Widespread in temperate regions

Date of first use 1990

EPPO countries where used Austria, Belgium, Germany, Guernsey, Jersey, Netherlands, Poland,

Portugal, Slovakia, UK

Use Indoors

Aphytis diaspidis

Family Aphelinidae

Main target pests Diaspididae, Quadraspidiotus perniciosus, Pseudaulacaspis pentagona

Original distribution California

Distribution in EPPO Mediterranean

Date of first use ?

EPPO countries where used Netherlands
Use Indoors

Aphytis holoxanthus

Family Aphelinidae
Main target pests Diaspididae
Original distribution Asia

Distribution in EPPO Mediterranean

Date of first use 1996

EPPO countries where used Belgium, Czechia, France, Netherlands, Spain

Use Indoors

Aphytis lingnanensis

Family Aphelinidae

Main target pests Aonidiella aurantii, Chrysomphalus dictyospermi
Original distribution Probably eastern Asia (widely established elsewhere)

Distribution in EPPO Mediterranean

Date of first use ?

EPPO countries where used Greece, Italy, Spain Use Indoors/outdoors

Aphytis melinus

Family Aphelinidae
Main target pests Aonidiella aurantii
Original distribution India/Pakistan
Distribution in EPPO Mediterranean

Date of first use 1985

EPPO countries where used Belgium, Czechia, Denmark, France, Greece, Italy, Portugal, Spain

Use Outdoors/indoors

Aprostocetus hagenowii

Synonyms Tetrastichus hagenowii, Tetrastichodes hagenowii

Family Eulophidae

Main target pests Blattidae (Periplaneta spp.)

Original distribution ?

Distribution in EPPO Romania
Date of first use 1993

EPPO countries where used Belgium, France, Germany, Netherlands, Spain

Use Indoors

Bracon hebetor

Synonyms Habrobracon hebetor

Family Braconidae

Main target pests Lepidoptera (on stored products)

Original distribution India, New England

Distribution in EPPO Mediterranean area (mostly Eastern)

Date of first use 1980

EPPO countries where used Many (including Germany, Portugal)

Use Indoors

Coccophagus lycimnia

Family Aphelinidae
Main target pests Coccidae
Original distribution Cosmopolitan
Distribution in EPPO Mediterranean

Date of first use 1988

EPPO countries where used Belgium, Denmark, France, Germany, Netherlands, Portugal, Spain,

Sweden

Use Indoors

Coccophagus rusti

Family Aphelinidae
Main target pests Coccidae
Original distribution Cosmopolitan

Distribution in EPPO Mediterranean

Date of first use 1988

EPPO countries where used Belgium, France, Netherlands, Spain

Use Indoors

Coccophagus scutellaris

Family Aphelinidae
Main target pests Coccidae
Original distribution Cosmopolitan
Distribution in EPPO Widespread
Date of first use 1986

EPPO countries where used Belgium, France, Netherlands, Portugal, Spain

Use Indoors

Comperiella bifasciata

Family Encyrtidae

Main target pests Diaspididae (Chrysomphalus aonidum, Aonidiella aurantii)

Original distribution ?California/South China

Distribution in EPPO Mediterranean

Date of first use 1985

EPPO countries where used Belgium, Greece, Netherlands

Use Indoors/outdoors

Cotesia marginiventris

Synonyms Apanteles marginiventris

Family Braconidae

Main target pests Lepidoptera (Noctuidae)

Original distribution Americas

Distribution in EPPO ?
Date of first use 1993

EPPO countries where used Belgium, France, Netherlands, Spain

Use Indoors

Dacnusa sibirica

Family Braconidae

Main target pests Agromyzidae (*Liriomyza* spp.)

Original distribution Palearctic, Europe

Distribution in EPPO Widespread, temperate regions

Date of first use 1981

EPPO countries where used Austria, Belgium, Bulgaria, Czechia, Denmark, Finland, France, Germany,

Guernsey, Italy, Jersey, Jordan, Malta, Morocco, Netherlands, Norway,

Poland, Portugal, Slovakia, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, UK

Use Indoors/outdoors (celery, lettuce)

Diglyphus isaea

Family Eulophidae

Main target pests Agromyzidae (*Liriomyza* spp.)

Original distribution Palaearctic
Distribution in EPPO Widespread
Date of first use 1984

EPPO countries where used Austria, Belgium, Czechia, Denmark, Finland, France, Germany, Hungary,

Italy, Jordan, Malta, Morocco, Netherlands, Norway, Poland, Portugal,

Slovakia, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, Tunisia, Turkey, UK

Use Indoors/outdoors

Encarsia citrina

Family Aphelinidae

Main target pestsDiaspididaeOriginal distributionCosmopolitanDistribution in EPPOMediterranean

Date of first use 1984

EPPO countries where used Belgium, France, Germany, Netherlands, Spain

Use Indoors

Encarsia formosa

Family Aphelinidae

Main target pests Aleyrodidae (Trialeurodes vaporariorum, Bemisia tabaci)

Original distribution Southern nearctic
Distribution in EPPO Widespread
Date of first use 1930

EPPO countries where used Austria, Belgium, Bulgaria, Czechia, Denmark, Finland, France, Germany,

Hungary, Ireland, Italy, Jordan, Lithuania, Malta, Morocco, Netherlands, Norway, Poland, Portugal, Slovakia, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, Tunisia,

Turkey, UK

Use Indoors

Encyrtus aurantii

Synonyms Encyrtus lecaniorum

Family Encyrtidae
Main target pests Coccidae
Original distribution Palaearctic

Distribution in EPPO Widespread (south)

Date of first use 1980

EPPO countries where used Belgium, France, Germany, Netherlands, Spain

Use Indoors

Encyrtus infelix

Synonyms Eucomys tananarivensis

Family Encyrtidae
Main target pests Coccidae

Original distribution Afrotropical region

Distribution in EPPO Israel
Date of first use 1992

EPPO countries where used Belgium, Denmark, France, Netherlands, Spain

Use Indoors

Ephedrus cerasicola

Family Braconidae

Main target pests Aphis frangulae, A. gossypii, Aulacorthum circumflexum, Aulacorthum

solani, Brachycaudus helichrysi, Capitophorus inulae, Cavariella aegopodii, Chaetosiphon fragaefolii, Cryptomyzus galeopsidis, Dysaphis apiifolia, Dysaphis sp., Hyadaphis foeniculi, Hyperomyzus lactucae, Hyperomyzus sp., Myzus ascalonicus, M. cerasi, M. ligustri, M. nicotinae, M. ornatus, M. persicae, Nasonovia ribisnigri, Nasonovia sp., Ovatus

crataegarius, Phorodon humili, Rhodobium porosum

Original distribution Naturally throughout Europe

Distribution in EPPO Widespread
Date of first use 1999

EPPO countries where used Belgium, Denmark, Finland, France, Germany, Netherlands, UK

Use Indoors

Eretmocerus eremicus

Family Aphelinidae

Main target pestsBemisia tabaciOriginal distributionSouthern nearcticDistribution in EPPOMediterranean

Date of first use 1994

EPPO countries where used Belgium, Czechia, Denmark, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Guernsey,

Hungary, Italy, Lithuania, Malta, Morocco, Netherlands, Norway, Poland,

Portugal, Slovakia, Spain, Switzerland, Tunisia, Turkey

Use Indoors

Eretmocerus mundus

Family Aphelinidae
Main target pests Bemisia tabaci
Original distribution South Europe
Distribution in EPPO Mediterranean
Date of first use 1996

EPPO countries where used Denmark, Germany, Italy, Netherlands, Portugal, Spain

Use Indoors

Gyranusoidea litura

Family Encyrtidae

Main target pests Pseudococcus longispinus

Original distribution Africa

Distribution in EPPO France, Spain

Date of first use 1990

EPPO countries where used Belgium, France, Netherlands

Use Indoors

Leptomastidea abnormis

Synonym Leptomastix abnormis

Family Encyrtidae
Main target pests Pseudococcidae
Original distribution Palaearctic
Distribution in EPPO Widespread
Date of first use 1984

EPPO countries where used Austria, Belgium, Denmark, Germany, Guernsey, Israel, Italy, Jersey,

Netherlands, Spain, Switzerland, Turkey, UK

Use Indoors

Leptomastix dactylopii

Family Encyrtidae
Main target pests Planococcus citri
Original distribution Neotropic

Distribution in EPPO Mediterranean area

Date of first use 1992

EPPO countries where used Austria, Belgium, Czechia, Denmark, Finland, France, Germany, Greece,

Guernsey, Ireland, Italy, Jersey, Netherlands, Norway, Poland, Portugal,

Spain, UK

Use Indoors/outdoors

Leptomastix epona

Family Encyrtidae

Main target pests Pseudococcidae, especially *Pseudococcus viburni*

Original distribution Palaearctic

Distribution in EPPO Widespread (south)

Date of first use 1992

EPPO countries where used Belgium, Denmark, France, Germany, Guernsey, Jersey, Netherlands,

Spain, UK

Use Indoors

Metaphycus flavus

Family Encyrtidae

Main target pests Coccidae, Saissetia oleae, Coccus hesperidum

Original distribution Nearctic Established in EPPO Yes

Distribution in EPPO Mediterranean

Date of first use 1999

EPPO countries where used Germany, Netherlands, Switzerland

Use Indoors

Metaphycus helvolus

Family Encyrtidae

Main target pests Coccidae (Saissetia oleae Coccus hesperidum)
Original distribution South Africa (also established in Nearctic)

Distribution in EPPO Greece, Italy

Date of first use 1992

EPPO countries where used Austria, Belgium, Denmark, France, Germany, Greece, Israel, Italy,

Netherlands, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland

Use Indoors/outdoors

Metaphycus lounsburyi

Synonyms M. bartletti, M. anneckei and M. hagenowii, also established in some

Mediterranean countries, have been misidentified as M. lounsburyi

Family Encyrtidae

Main target pests Coccidae (Saissetia oleae)

Original distribution California, Australia, Hawaii, South Africa

Distribution in EPPO Mediterranean

Date of first use 1997

EPPO countries where used Denmark, France, Italy, Netherlands

Use Indoors/outdoors

Metaphycus swirskii

Family Encyrtidae
Main target pests Coccidae
Original distribution East Africa?

Distribution in EPPO France, Greece (Crete), Israel, Italy (probably more widely in

Mediterranean region)

Date of first use 1992

EPPO countries where used Belgium, France, Netherlands, Spain

Use Indoors

Microterys nietneri

Synonyms Microterys flavus
Family Encyrtidae

Main target pests Coccidae (Saissetia oleae)
Original distribution California, Pakistan

Distribution in EPPO Italy
Date of first use 1987

EPPO countries where used Belgium, Denmark, France, Germany, Greece, Israel, Netherlands, Spain,

former-Yugoslavia

Use Indoors/outdoors

Opius pallipes

Family Braconidae

Main target pests

Original distribution

Distribution in EPPO

Date of first use

Liriomyza bryoniae

Palaearctic (?)

Widespread

1980

EPPO countries where used Belgium, Czechia, Denmark, France, Germany, Greece, Guernsey, Jersey,

Lithuania, Netherlands, Poland, Spain, UK

Use Indoors

Praon volucre

Synonym Aphidius volucre
Family Braconidae
Main target pests Aphididae
Original distribution Palaearctic
Distribution in EPPO Widespread

Date of first use

EPPO countries where used Belgium, Guernsey, Jersey, Netherlands, UK

Use Indoors

Scutellista caerulea

Synonym Scutellista cyanea
Family Pteromalidae

Main target pests Coccidae (Saissetia oleae, S. coffeae, Ceroplastes rusci)

Original distribution Africa

Distribution in EPPO Mediterranean, CIS

Date of first use 1990

EPPO countries where used Belgium, Denmark, France, Netherlands, Switzerland

Use Indoors

Tetracnemoidea peregrina

Synonyms Hungariella peregrina

Family Encyrtidae
Main target pests Pseudococcidae
Original distribution North America

Distribution in EPPO Israel
Date of first use 1992

EPPO countries where used Belgium, France, Israel, Netherlands, Spain

Use Indoors/outdoors

Tetracnemoidea brevicornis

Synonyms Hungariella pretiosa

Family Encyrtidae
Main target pests Pseudococcidae

Original distribution ?
Distribution in EPPO Italy
Date of first use 1992

EPPO countries where used Belgium, France, Netherlands, Spain

Use Indoors

Thripobius javae

Synonyms Thripobius semiluteus

Family Eulophidae

Main target pests Thysanoptera (*Heliothrips* spp.)

Original distribution Tropical and subtropical areas of Africa, Asia and Australia

Distribution in EPPO Israel
Date of first use 1995

EPPO countries where used Belgium, Denmark, France, Germany, Netherlands

Use Indoors

Trichogramma brassicae

Synonyms Trichogramma maidis
Family Trichogrammatidae

Main target pests Lepidoptera (Ostrinia nubilalis)

Original distribution Europe
Distribution in EPPO Widespread
Date of first use 1980

EPPO countries where used Austria, Belgium, Czechia, Denmark, Finland, France, Germany, Greece,

Italy, Jersey, Jordan, Netherlands, Slovakia, Spain, Switzerland, UK

Jse Outdoors/Indoors

Trichogramma cacoeciae

Family Trichogrammatidae

Main target pests

Original distribution

Distribution in EPPO

Date of first use

Lepidoptera

Europe

Widespread

1980

EPPO countries where used Denmark, France, Germany, Hungary

Use Outdoors

Trichogramma cordubensis

Year of addition to the EPPO Positive List 2020

Family Trichogrammatidae

Main target pests Lepidoptera (e.g. Cydalima perspectalis, Lobesia botrana & Eupoecilia

ambiguella)

Original distribution Mediterranean (Algeria, Egypt, France, Iran, Morocco, Portugal, Spain)

Distribution in EPPO Widespread

Date of first use 1980

EPPO countries where used France

Use Outdoors

Trichogramma dendrolimi

Family Trichogrammatidae
Main target pests Lepidoptera
Original distribution Europe
Distribution in EPPO Widespread
Date of first use 1985

EPPO countries where used Germany, Slovakia

Use Outdoors

Trichogramma evanescens

Family Trichogrammatidae

Main target pests Lepidoptera (including on stored products)

Original distribution Europe
Distribution in EPPO Widespread
Date of first use 1993

EPPO countries where used Austria, Belgium, Czechia, Denmark, Finland, France, Germany, Greece,

Italy, Jersey, Jordan, Netherlands, Portugal, Slovakia, Spain, Tunisia, UK

Use Indoors/outdoors

Trichogramma pintoi

Synonyms Trichogramma euproctidis

Family Trichogrammatidae

Original distribution Palaearctic, Near East, Nearctic, Neotropical region; Oriental region,

widespread in EPPO region

Maint arget pests Mainly Lepidoptera species: Ostrinia nubilalis, Helicoverpa armigera,

Cydia nigricana, Cydia pomonella, Cydia funebrana, Plutella xylostella,

Mamestra brassicae, Lacanobia oleracea

Date of first use 2002 (Hungary)

EPPO countries where used Belarus, Czech Republic, Hungary, Moldova, Poland, Russia, Slovakia,

Ukraine, Uzbekistan

Use Outdoors/Indoors

Trichopria drosophilae

Family Diapriidae

Original distribution Worldwide, mainly in tropical/Mediterranean/warmer temperate climatic

areas. Indigenous in the EPPO region

Distribution in EPPO France, Germany, Greece, Israel, Italy, Morocco, the Netherlands, Spain.

Main target pests Pupal parasitoid of Drosophila suzukii, relatively specific parasitoid

compared to other parasitoids of Diptera.

Date of first use 2015 (Italy)

EPPO countries where used Italy (by 2015), Spain (2017) and Switzerland (2017)

Use Outdoors/Indoors

Trissolcus basalis

Family Scelionidae
Original distribution Worldwide

Distribution in EPPO Cyprus, France, Georgia, Hungary, Israel, Italy, Jordan, Montenegro,

Morocco, Portugal, Spain, Turkey

Main target pests Nezara viridula

Date of first use 2018 Spain (since 1930s as a classical BCA globally)

EPPO countries where used France (2018) Spain (2017)

Use Outdoors/Indoors

Insecta, Neuroptera

Chrysoperla carnea

Synonyms

Chrysopa carnea

Family

Chrysopidae

Main target pests

Aphididae etc.

Original distribution

Distribution in EPPO

Widespread

Date of first use

1987

EPPO countries where used Austria, Belgium, Czechia, Denmark, Finland, France, Germany, Greece,

Guernsey, Ireland, Italy, Netherlands, Portugal, Spain, Sweden,

Switzerland, UK

Use Indoors/outdoors

Micromus angulatus

Synonyms Eumicromus angulatus, Hemerobius angulatus, Hemerobius hopii

Family Hemerobiidae
Main target pests Aphididae etc.
Original distribution Cosmopolitan

Distribution in EPPO Widespread (Holarctic)

Date of first use 2021

EPPO countries where used Belgium, Germany, Russian Federation, UK

Use Indoors/outdoors

Insecta, Thysanoptera

Franklinothrips megalops

Synonym Franklinothrips myrmicaeformis

Family Aeolothripidae
Main target pests Thysanoptera
Original distribution Africa, Israel, India
Distribution in EPPO Israel, Tunisia

Date of first use 1992

EPPO countries where used Belgium, France, Netherlands, Spain

Use Indoors

Franklinothrips vespiformis

Family Aeolothripidae
Main target pests Thysanoptera
Original distribution Asia

Distribution in EPPO Israel, Portugal

Date of first use 1990

EPPO countries where used Belgium, Denmark, France, Germany, Israel, Netherlands, Portugal,

Sweden, Switzerland

Use Indoors

Karnyothrips melaleucus

Family Phlaeothripidae

Main target pests Coccidae, Diaspididae (Howardia biclavis)

Original distribution Pantropical

Distribution in EPPO Portugal (Madeira)

Date of first use 1994

EPPO countries where used Belgium, Denmark, France, Netherlands, Spain

Use Indoors

Arachnida, Acarina

Amblydromalus limonicus

Synonyms Amblyseius limonicus, Typhlodromus (Amblyseius) limonicus, Amblyseius

(Typhlodromalus) limonicus, Typhlodromus limonicus, Amblyseius (Amblyseius) limonicus, Typhlodromalus limonicus, Typhlodromalus lailae

Family Phytoseiidae

Main target pests Thrips and whiteflies (mainly *Bemisia tabaci*)

Original distribution North, Central and South America, Hawaii, New Zealand and Australia

Distribution in EPPO Established in north-east Spain

Date of first use 2010

EPPO countries where used Austria, Belgium, Denmark, England, Finland, France, Germany, Ireland,

the Netherlands, Poland, Russia, Sweden and Ukraine

Use Indoors / Outdoors

Amblyseius andersoni

Synonyms Typhlodromus andersoni

Family Phytoseiidae

Main target pests Tetranychus urticae, T. cinnabarinus, Panonychus ulmi, Aculops

lycopersicae, Polyphagotarsonemus latus, Phytonemus pallidus

Original distribution Palaearctic and Nearctic

Distribution in EPPO Widespread

Date of first use 2006 (by Syngenta)

EPPO countries where used France, Guernsey, Italy, Netherlands, Poland, Spain, UK

Use Indoors / Outdoors

Amblyseius barkeri

Synonyms Amblyseius mckenziei, Neoseiulus barkeri

Family Phytoseiidae

Main target pests Thysanoptera (Thrips tabaci, Frankliniella occidentalis), Tarsonemidae

Original distribution Europe
Distribution in EPPO Widespread
Date of first use 1981

EPPO countries where used Austria, Belgium, Denmark, France, Germany, Italy, Netherlands, Slovakia,

Switzerland

Use Indoors

Amblyseius degenerans

Synonym Iphiseius degenerans

Family Phytoseiidae
Main target pests Thysanoptera
Original distribution Africa/Mediterranean

Distribution in EPPO Mediterranean

Date of first use 1993

EPPO countries where used Belgium, Czechia, Denmark, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Hungary,

Italy, Jersey, Netherlands, Norway, Poland, Spain, Switzerland, Tunisia,

Turkey, UK

Use Indoors

Amblyseius swirskii

Synonym Typhlodromips swirskii

Family Phytoseiidae

Original distribution East of Mediterranean region, naturally occurs in Israel, Italy, Cyprus,

Greece and Egypt, found there in various crops like apples, apricot, citrus,

vegetables and cotton

Main target pests Bemisia tabaci, Trialeurodes vaporariorum, Frankliniella occidentalis

Date of first use 2005 (Austria, Belgium, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Italy,

Morocco, Netherlands, Poland and Turkey)

EPPO countries where used Austria, Belarus, Belgium, Denmark, Finland, France, Germany, Greece,

Guernsey, Hungary, Italy, Jersey, Morocco, the Netherlands, Norway,

Poland, Spain, Turkey, UK

Use Indoors/outdoors

Chevletus eruditus

Family Cheyletidae

Main target pests Storage mites, spider (foliage) mites

Original distribution Indigenous

Distribution in EPPO Belgium, Netherlands

Date of first use 1985

EPPO countries where used Belgium, Czechia, France, Germany, Netherlands

Use Indoor

Additional remarks Cases of allergic reactions to farmers have been reported

Euseius gallicus

Family Phytoseiidae

Main target pests Whitefly (Aleyrodidae) and thrips (Thysanoptera)
Original distribution Europe, Maritime and Mediterranean zones

Distribution in EPPO Belgum, France, the Netherlands, Tunisia and Turkey

Date of first use The Netherlands, 2010

EPPO countries where used Belgium, France, Germany, the Netherlands, Poland and Ukraine

Use Indoors

Hypoaspis aculeifer

Synonyms Geolaelaps aculeifer

Family Laelapidae

Main target pests Sciaridae, Rhizoglyphus echinopus

Original distribution Europe
Distribution in EPPO Widespread
Date of first use 1995

EPPO countries where used Belgium, Czechia, Denmark, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Guernsey,

Ireland, Italy, Netherlands, Norway, Poland, Portugal, Spain, Switzerland,

UK

Use Indoors

Macrocheles robustulus

Synonyms Holostaspis subbadius, Macrocheles coprophila

Family Macrochelidae

Main target pests Soil dwelling pests like thrips (pupae) and sciarids (larvae)

Original distribution Cosmopolitan

Distribution in EPPO Austria, Bulgaria, Czech Republic, Georgia, Germany, Greece, Hungary,

Italy, Poland, Russia, Slovakia, Sweden and the UK

Date of first use 2010

EPPO countries where used Austria, Belgium, Denmark, Finland, France, Germany, Italy, the

Netherlands, Poland, Russia, Spain, Sweden, the UK and Ukraine

Use Indoors

Metaseiulus occidentalis

Synonyms Galendromus occidentalis, Typhlodromus occidentalis

Family Phytoseiidae
Main target pests Tetranychidae
Original distribution Nearctic
Distribution in EPPO ?
Date of first use 1991

EPPO countries where used Denmark, France, Greece, Guernsey, Jersey, Netherlands, Poland, Spain,

UK

Use Indoors/outdoors

Neoseiulus californicus (non-diapausing strain only*)

Synonyms Amblyseius californicus, Typhlodromus californicus, Amblyseius mungeri,

Typhlodromus mungeri, Amblyseius chilensis, Typhlodromus marinus

Family Phytoseiidae
Main target pests Tetranychidae

Original distribution Southern N. America/California, Mediterranean

Distribution in EPPO ?
Date of first use 1985

EPPO countries where used Belgium, Czechia, Denmark, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Guernsey,

Ireland, Italy, Jersey, Malta, Netherlands, Poland, Portugal, Spain,

Switzerland, Tunisia, UK (restricted under license)

Use Indoors/outdoors

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Neoseiulus cucumeris

Synonym Amblyseius cucumeris

Family Phytoseiidae

Main target pests Thysanoptera (*T. tabaci, F. occidentalis*)

Original distribution Cosmopolitan

Distribution in EPPO Widespread (not present in Sweden, Finland, Norway)

Date of first use 1985

EPPO countries where used Austria, Belgium, Czechia, Denmark, Finland, France, Germany, Greece,

Guernsey, Hungary, Ireland, Italy, Jersey, Jordan, Lithuania, Malta, Netherlands, Norway, Poland, Portugal, Slovakia, Spain, Sweden,

Switzerland, Tunisia, Turkey, UK

Use Indoors/outdoors

Phytoseiulus persimilis

Synonym Phytoseiulus riegeli, Phytoseiulus tardi

Family Phytoseiidae

Main target pests Tetranychidae (Tetranychus urticae)

Original distribution Mediterranean
Distribution in EPPO Southern Europe

Date of first use 1968

EPPO countries where used Austria, Belgium, Czechia, Denmark, Finland, France, Germany, Greece,

Guernsey, Hungary, Ireland, Italy, Jersey, Jordan, Lithuania, Malta, Morocco, Netherlands, Norway, Poland, Portugal, Slovakia, Spain, Sweden,

Switzerland, Tunisia, Turkey, UK

Use Indoors/outdoors

Pronematus ubiquitus

Synonyms Tydeus ubiquitus

Family Iolinidae

Main target pests Aculops lycopersici, Tetranychus urticae, Acalitus essigi, Aculops

cannibicola

Original distribution Cosmopolitan
Distribution in EPPO Widespread
Date of first use 2021

EPPO countries where used Belgium, Germany, Greece, Netherlands, Spain

Use Indoors/outdoors

Stratiolaelaps scimitus

Synonyms *Hypoaspis scimitus*

Taxonomic remark The species has been previously used under the erroneous name

Stratiolaelaps miles (=Hypoaspis miles = Geolaelaps miles)*

Family Laelapidae

Main target pests Sciaridae, Rhizoglyphus echinopus

Original distribution Palaearctic
Distribution in EPPO Widespread
Date of first use 1994

EPPO countries where used Belgium, Czechia, Denmark, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Ireland,

Italy, Jersey, Netherlands, Norway, Poland, Portugal, Spain, Sweden,

Switzerland, UK

Use Indoors

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Transeius montdorensis

Synonym Amblyseius montdorensis, Typhlodromips montdorensis

Family Phytoseiidae

Original distribution Pacific Islands and western areas of the Australian mainland

Main target pests Aleyrodidae (Trialeurodes spp. and Bemisia spp.), thrips (Frankinella

occidentalis and Thrips tabaci) and Eriophyidae (Aculops lycopersici),

although to be used principally against Frankiniella occidentalis

Date of first use 200

EPPO countries where used Belgium, Denmark, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, the Netherlands,

Poland, Romania, Spain and UK

Use Indoors/outdoors

Typhlodromus pyri

Family Phytoseiidae

Main target pests Panonychus ulmi, Tetranychus urticae, Eriophyes vitis, Epitrimerus vitis

Original distribution Europe/Nearctic
Distribution in EPPO Widespread
Date of first use 1985

EPPO countries where used Austria, Belgium, Czechia, Denmark, France, Germany, Hungary, Portugal,

Slovakia

Use Outdoors

Nematoda

Heterorhabditis bacteriophora

Synonyms Heterorhabditis heliothidis

Family Heterorhabditidae

Main target pests Vine weevils (*Otiorhynchus* spp.)
Original distribution South and central Europe/N. America

Distribution in EPPO South and central Europe

Date of first use 1984

EPPO countries where used Austria, Belgium, France, Germany, Italy, Netherlands, Slovenia,

Switzerland

Use Outdoors/?indoors

Heterorhabditis downesi

Synonyms Irish type of *Heterorhabditis*

Family Heterorhabditidae

Main target pests Vine weevils (Otiorhynchus spp.), Phyllopertha horticola, Hoplia

philanthus, Melolontha melolontha, Hylobius abietis

Original distribution Europe

Distribution in EPPO Denmark, Germany, Hungary, Ireland, Italy, UK

Date of first use 2001

EPPO countries where used Ireland, UK

Use Outdoors/?indoors

Heterorhabditis megidis

Family Heterorhabditidae

Main target pests Vine weevils (*Otiorhynchus* spp.)

Original distribution Europe
Distribution in EPPO Widespread
Date of first use 1984

EPPO countries where used Austria, Belgium, Czechia, Denmark, Finland, France, Germany, Greece,

Guernsey, Ireland, Italy, Jersey, Netherlands, Norway, Poland, Slovakia,

Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, Tunisia, UK

Use Indoors/outdoors

Phasmarhabditis californica

Family Rhabditidae

Main target pests Slugs: Arion distinctus, Arion hortensis, Deroceras invadens, Deroceras

reticulatum, Arion lusitanicus, Arion rufus, Arion vulgaris, Deroceras

laeve, Lehmannia valentiana and Milax gagates

Original distribution Widespread : Europe, North America, New Zealand

Distribution in EPPO Widespread
Date of first use 2020

EPPO countries where used Belgium, Germany, Netherlands, UK

Use Outdoors

Phasmarhabditis hermaphrodita

Family Phasmarhabditidae

Main target pests Slugs

Original distribution Central Europe

Distribution in EPPO Widespread (except in Northern countries)

Date of first use 1984

EPPO countries where used Belgium, Denmark, France, Germany, Guernsey, Italy, Jersey, Netherlands,

UK

Use Indoors/outdoors

Steinernema carpocapsae

Synonyms Neoaplectana carpocapsae, N. feltiae

Family Steinernematidae

Main target pests Vine weevils (Otiorhynchus spp.), Sciaridae, soil-borne insects

Original distribution Europe (Holarctic)
Distribution in EPPO Widespread
Date of first use 1984

EPPO countries where used

Belgium, Denmark, France, Germany, Guernsey, Italy, Jersey, Netherlands,

Portugal, Slovenia, Sweden, UK

Use Indoors/outdoors

Steinernema feltiae

Synonyms Neoaplectana feltiae, N. bibionis, Steinernema bibionis, N. leucaniae

Family Steinernematidae

Main target pests Melolonthidae, Sciaridae etc.

Original distribution Europe (Holarctic)
Distribution in EPPO Widespread
Date of first use 1984

EPPO countries where used Austria, Belgium, Czechia, Denmark, Finland, France, Germany, Greece,

Guernsey, Ireland, Italy, Jersey, Netherlands, Norway, Poland, Slovakia,

Slovenia, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, UK

Use Indoors/outdoors

Steinernema glaseri

Synonyms Neoaplectana glaseri Family Steinernematidae

Main target pests Soil insects, especially Coleoptera including Chrysomelidae, Curculionidae,

Elateridae, Scarabaeidae, some Lepidoptera, Orthoptera etc.

Original distribution Argentina, Brazil, China, Czech Republic, Palestine, Portugal, Republic of

Korea, Slovak Republic, Spain, Switzerland, the USA

Distribution in EPPO Czech Republic, Portugal, Slovak Republic, Spain, Switzerland

Date of first use 2004

EPPO countries where used Netherlands, Belgium Use Indoors/outdoors

Steinernema kraussei

Family Steinernematidae
Main target pests Otiorhynchus sulcatus

Original distribution Throughout Europe and North America

Distribution in EPPO Widespread
Date of first use 2001 (in Ireland)

Use Indoors/outdoors

Appendix 2: Classical BCAs successfully established in the EPPO region

Further details are given for each BCA, including its name, common synonyms, taxonomic classification, the pest(s) against which it has been released, date of first use, whether the BCA was introduced as single or multiple introductions and the origin of the collected material. Countries where the BCA has been introduced for classical biological control in the EPPO region are also listed. The presence of a BCA on the list means that it has been successfully established in at least one of the countries mentioned. The results of the introductions in target pest control, and results of introduction, in different countries are given, when available, as follows: [C] complete, [S] substantial, [P] partial, [E] established but not contributing to control or status unknown, [F] failed to become established, [N] no information on the outcome, [T] established but believed to have died out. Asterisks (*) indicate cases where more than one BCA contributed to the result. In cases where information is not known a (?) is detailed. Information on countries and results of introductions are given on the basis of information provided by the BIOCAT database of CABI (data from 1890s until 2010) and by some EPPO countries. Countries are, as far as possible, listed in the chronological order of introduction of the agent for classical biological control. The list of countries indicates to a certain degree the area in which each organism is present and established in the EPPO region, to the extent that each successful introduction can be presumed to have involved establishment. However, organisms may already be indigenous in some parts of the EPPO region, or have spread from countries where they were introduced, or indeed have disappeared from countries where they were once established, so the true distribution is uncertain in many cases. In some cases, a general statement can be made about the present distribution in the EPPO region and this has been added in italics at the end of the list of countries.

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Adalia bipunctata

<u>Cryptolaemus montrouzieri</u>

Rhizophagus grandis

Rhyzobius forestieri

<u>Rodolia cardinalis</u>

Scymnus impexus
Scymnus reunioni

Serangium parcesetosum

Diptera

Cryptochetum iceryae

Hymenoptera

Ageniaspis citricola

Allotropa burrelli

Allotropa convexifrons

Amitus spiniferus

Anagyrus agraensis

Anagyrus fusciventris

Anaphes nitens

<u>Aphelinus mali</u>

Aphytis holoxanthus

Aphytis lepidosaphes

Aphytis lingnanensis

Aphytis melinus

Aphytis proclia

<u>Clausenia purpurea</u>

Comperiella bifasciata

Encarsia berlesei

Encarsia herndoni

Encarsia lahorensis

Encarsia perniciosi

Eretmocerus debachi

Metaphycus anneckei

Metaphycus flavus

Metaphycus helvolus

<u>Metaphycus lounsburyi</u>

Metaphycus swirskii

Neodryinus typhlocybae

Neodusmetia sangwani

Ooencyrtus kuvanae

Pseudaphycus malinus

Psyllaephagus pilosus

Psyttalia concolor

Pteroptrix orientalis

Pteroptrix smithi

Insecta, Coleoptera

Adalia bipunctata

Coccinellidae Family Toxoptera aurantii Target pest

Date of first use

EPPO countries where introduced Portugal (Azores) [S*] (Widespread in the EPPO region)

Multiple/single introductions Single Portugal Origin of collected material

Cryptolaemus montrouzieri

Coccinellidae Family Target pest Pseudococcidae

1929 Date of first use

EPPO countries where introduced Portugal [S] (Mediterranean distribution)

Multiple/single introductions Single Origin of collected material Australia

Planococcus citri Target pest

1908-Date of first use

EPPO countries where introduced Italy [E; Sardegna P; Sicilia E], Israel [P], Portugal, Greece [F],

Cyprus [T], France [P], Spain [P], former

(Georgia) [F?] (Mediterranean distribution)

Multiple/single introductions Single, multiple Origin of collected material Australia

Rhizophagus grandis

Rhizophagidae Family Target pest Dendroctonus micans

1963-Date of first use

EPPO countries where introduced former USSR (Georgia) [S], UK [E], France [E] (Probably

widespread in Central & Eastern Europe)

Multiple/single introductions Single, multiple Origin of collected material Belgium

Rhyzobius forestieri

Family Coccinellidae Target pest Saissetia oleae

1980 Date of first use

EPPO countries where introduced Italy [S], France [S], Greece [E], Cyprus [N], Israel [E]

Multiple/single introductions Single Origin of collected material Australia

Rodolia cardinalis

Coccinellidae Family Target pest Icerya purchasi

1897-Date of first use

EPPO countries where introduced Portugal [C], former USSR (Georgia) [C], Italy [S], former

Yugoslavia [N], Israel [C*], France [C], Spain [C], Switzerland [F],

Greece [S], Malta [C], Cyprus [S] (Mediterranean distribution, CIS)

Multiple/single introductions Single, multiple Australia

Origin of collected material

Scymnus impexus

Coccinellidae Family Target pests Adelges spp. Date of first use 1968

EPPO countries where introduced Sweden [S], UK [N] (native in Europe)

Multiple/single introductions Single
Origin of collected material Germany

Scymnus reunioni

SynonymNephus reunioniFamilyCoccinellidaeTarget pestPlanococcus citri

Date of first use 1967

EPPO countries where introduced Israel [N], Italy (Sardegna) [P], former USSR (Georgia) [F?]

Multiple/single introductions Single
Origin of collected material India

Serangium parcesetosum

Family Coccinellidae
Target pest Dialeurodes citri

Date of first use 1973

EPPO countries where introduced former USSR [Georgia, C*; Azerbaijan, C*; Uzbekistan, F], France

(Corse) [E], Israel, Turkey [S?]

Multiple/single introductions Single

Origin of collected material India, former USSR

Insecta, Diptera

Cryptochetum iceryae

Family Cryptochetidae
Target pest Icerya purchasi

Date of first use 1987
EPPO countries where introduced Israel [S]
Multiple/single introductions Single
Origin of collected material Australia

Insecta, Hymenoptera

Ageniaspis citricola

Family Encyrtidae

Target pest Phyllocnistis citrella

Date of first use 1994-

EPPO countries where introduced Israel, Morocco, Algeria, Tunisia, France, Greece, Cyprus, Spain [C],

Italy (Sicilia); established only on Canary Islands where provides

complete control of the target pest

Multiple/single introductions Single, multiple

Origin of collected material Thailand, Florida (USA)

Allotropa burrelli

Family Platygasteridae

Target pest Pseudococcus comstocki

Date of first use 1945

EPPO countries where introduced former USSR [P*]

Multiple/single introductions Single
Origin of collected material Japan

Allotropa convexifrons

Family Platygasteridae

Target pest Pseudococcus comstocki

Date of first use 1945

EPPO countries where introduced former USSR [P*]

Multiple/single introductions Single
Origin of collected material Korea

Amitus spiniferus

Family Platygasteridae

Target pest Aleurothrixus floccosus

Date of first use 1971-

EPPO countries where introduced France [C*], Italy [S*]

Multiple/single introductions Single

Origin of collected material Central America

Anagyrus agraensis

Family Encyrtidae

Target pest Nipaecoccus viridis

Date of first use 1984-

EPPO countries where introduced Jordan [S?], Israel [S?]

Multiple/single introductions Single
Origin of collected material Guam

Anagyrus fusciventris

Family Encyrtidae

Target pests Pseudococcidae (Pseudococcus longispinus)

Date of first use 1972
EPPO countries where introduced Israel [S]
Multiple/single introductions Single
Origin of collected material Australia

Anaphes nitens

Family Mymaridae

Target pest Gonipterus scutellatus

Date of first use 1978

EPPO countries where introduced Italy [C], France [P], Spain [S]

Multiple/single introductions Single
Origin of collected material Australia

Aphelinus mali

Family Aphelinidae

Target pest Eriosoma lanigerum

Date of first use 1920-

EPPO countries where introduced France [P], Hungary [S], Israel [P], Italy [S], Switzerland [S], former

USSR (Azerbaijan) [C], Portugal [N], Belgium [C], Germany [P], UK [P], Slovenia, Malta, Netherlands [P], Spain [P], Poland [P], Sweden [P], Cyprus [C], Denmark [P] (Widespread in the EPPO

region)

Multiple/single introductions Single
Origin of collected material USA

Aphytis holoxanthus

Family Aphelinidae

Target pest Chrysomphalus aonidum

Date of first use 1956

 Multiple/single introductions Single
Origin of collected material Hong Kong

Aphytis lepidosaphes

Family Aphelinidae
Target pest Cornuaspis beckii

Date of first use 1956-

(Sicilia) [P]

Multiple/single introductions Single
Origin of collected material China

Aphytis lingnanensis

Family Aphelinidae
Target pest Aonidiella aurantii

Date of first use 1960-

EPPO countries where introduced Cyprus [P], Israel [E], Italy (Sicilia), Morocco [E], Spain [P]

(Mediterranean distribution)

Multiple/single introductions Single
Origin of collected material China

Aphytis melinus

Family Aphelinidae

Target pest Chrysomphalus dictyospermi

Date of first use 1962-

EPPO countries where introduced Greece [S; Kriti, C], Italy [C], Morocco [C], France (Corse) [P],

Spain [P] (commercially available for inondative releases since 2008), former USSR (Georgia) [E?] (Mediterranean distribution)

Multiple/single introductions ?

Origin of collected material India/Pakistan

Target pest Aonidiella aurantii

Date of first use 1961-

EPPO countries where introduced Cyprus [P], Israel [P], Italy (Sicilia) [P], Morocco [E]

(Mediterranean distribution)

Multiple/single introductionsSingle, multipleOrigin of collected materialIndia/PakistanTarget pestAspidiotus nerii

Date of first use

EPPO countries where introduced Greece (Kriti) [P] (Mediterranean distribution)

Multiple/single introductions Single
Origin of collected material India/Pakistan

Aphytis proclia

Family Aphelinidae

Target pest Pseudaulacaspis pentagona

Date of first use 1924

EPPO countries where introduced Italy [S] (Widespread in the EPPO region)

Multiple/single introductions Single
Origin of collected material East Asia

Clausenia purpurea

Family Encyrtidae

Target pest Pseudococcus citriculus

Date of first use 1940 EPPO countries where introduced Israel [C] Multiple/single introductions Single
Origin of collected material Japan

Comperiella bifasciata

Family Encyrtidae

Target pest Aonidiella aurantii

Date of first use 1924-

EPPO countries where introduced Israel [P*], Italy, France [N], Spain [P] (Mediterranean distribution)

Multiple/single introductions Single
Origin of collected material South China

Encarsia berlesei

Family Aphelinidae

Target pest Pseudaulacaspis pentagona

Date of first use 1906-

EPPO countries where introduced Italy [C], Bulgaria [C], Switzerland [C], Spain [C], Austria [C],

former USSR [C], France [P], Hungary, Slovenia

Multiple/single introductions Single

Origin of collected material Japan, East Asia

Encarsia herndoni

Synonym Encarsia elongata
Family Aphelinidae

Target pest Lepidosaphes gloverii

Date of first use 1979
EPPO countries where introduced Spain [S]
Multiple/single introductions Single
Origin of collected material East Asia

Encarsia lahorensis

Family Aphelinidae
Target pest Dialeurodes citri

Date of first use 1973-

EPPO countries where introduced Italy [S; Sardegna, P; Sicilia, C], former USSR (Georgia) [C*],

France [E], Turkey, Greece [S, E], Israel [C*]

Multiple/single introductions Single, multiple
Origin of collected material India, Pakistan

Encarsia perniciosi

Family Aphelinidae

Target pest Quadraspidiotus perniciosus

Date of first use 1932-

former Czechoslovakia [E, N], Switzerland [P], former Yugoslavia [N], Austria [E], Greece [E], Spain [P] (Widespread in the EPPO

region)

Multiple/single introductions Single, multiple
Origin of collected material China, Korea

Eretmocerus debachi

Family Aphelinidae

Target pest Parabemisia myricae

Date of first use 1982-

EPPO countries where introduced Israel [C], Turkey [C], Italy [S]

(Mediterranean distribution?)

Multiple/single introductions Single

Origin of collected material Japan, North America

Metaphycus anneckei

Family Encyrtidae
Target pest Saissetia oleae

Date of first use

EPPO countries where introduced Greece [C], Israel [E], France [E], Italy [F]

Multiple/single introductions Single
Origin of collected material South Africa

Metaphycus flavus

Family Encyrtidae

Target pest Coccus hesperidum

Date of first use 1959

Multiple/single introductions Single
Origin of collected material Morocco

Metaphycus helvolus

Family Encyrtidae
Target pest Saissetia oleae

Date of first use 1960-

EPPO countries where introduced Israel [E], France (Corse) [P*], Greece [C; Kriti, S], Italy [P], Spain

[S], Cyprus [E], former USSR [F]

Multiple/single introductions Single
Origin of collected material South Africa

Metaphycus lounsburyi

Family Encyrtidae
Target pest(s) Saissetia oleae

Date of first use 1973-

EPPO countries where introduced France [P], Israel [C], Greece (Kriti) [P], Italy [E], Cyprus [S]

(Mediterranean distribution)

Multiple/single introductions Single
Origin of collected material South Africa

Metaphycus swirskii

Family Encyrtidae
Target pest Saissetia oleae

Date of first use 1973

Multiple/single introductions Single
Origin of collected material Kenya

Neodryinus typhlocybae

Family Dryinidae

Target pest Metcalfa pruinosa

Date of first use 1989-

EPPO countries where introduced Italy, France, Slovenia, Switzerland

Multiple/single introductions Single
Origin of collected material USA

Neodusmetia sangwani

Family Encyrtidae

Target pest Antonina graminis

Date of first use 1971
EPPO countries where introduced Israel [S]
Multiple/single introductions Single

Origin of collected material South India

Ooencyrtus kuvanae

Family Encyrtidae
Target pest Lymantria dispar

Date of first use 1922

EPPO countries where introduced former Czechoslovakia [E], Spain [P], Morocco [E], Algeria [E],

Portugal [E], former USSR (Kazakhstan, Moldova, Russia, Ukraine,

Uzbekistan) [P]

Multiple/single introductions Single
Origin of collected material Japan

Pseudaphycus malinus

Family Encyrtidae

Target pest Pseudococcus comstocki

Date of first use 1945

EPPO countries where introduced former USSR [C]

Multiple/single introductions Single
Origin of collected material Korea

Psyllaephagus pilosus

Family Encyrtidae

Target pest Ctenarytaina eucalypti

Date of first use 1994

Multiple/single introductions Single
Origin of collected material Australia

Psyttalia concolor

SynonymOpius concolorFamilyBraconidaeTarget pestBactrocera oleae

Date of first use 1914-

EPPO countries where introduced Italy [S], Greece [P], France [P], Spain [P], Portugal, former

Yugoslavia [N]

Multiple/single introductions Single
Origin of collected material Libya, Tunisia

Pteroptrix orientalis

Synonym Archenomus orientalis

Family Aphelinidae

Target pest Pseudaulacaspis pentagona

Date of first use 1909
EPPO countries where introduced Italy [S]
Multiple/single introductions Single
Origin of collected material Japan

Pteroptrix smithi

Family Aphelinidae

Target pest Chrysomphalus aonidum

Date of first use 1956
EPPO countries where introduced Israel [C*]
Multiple/single introductions Single
Origin of collected material Hong Kong

Appendix 3: List of biological control agents removed from Appendices I or II

Species in Appendix 3 were listed in Appendices 1 or 2 but have been removed from one of these appendices. These species are not necessarily unsafe. Rather, they no longer fulfil all of the criteria to remain on the Positive List. The date of removal and a summary of the reasons for its removal from Appendix 1 or Appendix 2 are provided. Evidence for removal relating to adverse effects in one or more countries in the EPPO region are referenced.

Formerly recommended as commercially used biological control agents

Insecta Hymenoptera - Cales noacki

- Lysiphlebus testaceipes

Formerly recommended as successfully introduced classical biological control agents

Insecta Coleoptera

- Harmonia axyridisHymenoptera- Cales noacki

- Lysiphlebus testaceipes

Insecta: Hymenoptera

Cales noacki
Family Aphelinidae

Main target pest Aleurothrixus floccosus

Date of first use 1970

EPPO countries where introduced Spain [S], France [C], Italy [S], Morocco [C], Portugal [E], Tunisia [C],

Malta, Greece (Mediterranean distribution)

Multiple/single introductions Single, multiple

Origin of collected material Chile

Date of removal from the list 2009-03-25/26, Joint EPPO/IOBC Meeting on Biological Control

Agents, Engelberg (CH)

Summary of reasons Commercial releases may lead to establishment in non-target habitats in

certain areas. Outdoor releases have shown a wide host range that extends beyond the order Hemiptera and in some areas out competes

indigenous natural enemies.

Lysiphlebus testaceipes

Family Braconidae

Main target pest Aphididae (Aphis gossypii)

Original distribution Nearctic, USA

Distribution in EPPO Mediterranean countries (and possibly others)

Date of first use 1990

EPPO countries where used Denmark, Germany (DE), Italy, Spain

Use Indoors

Date of removal from the list 2008-03-26/28, Joint EPPO/IOBC Meeting on Biological Control

Agents Wageningen (NL)

Summary of reasons The species has a wide host range and shown non-target effects. In

some areas it has spread into non-target habitats, where it has attacked non-target host species and replaced native primary parasitoid species

(see references).

Lumbierres B., Starý P., Pons X., 2007. Seasonal parasitism of cereal aphids in a Mediterranean arable crop system. Journal of Pest Science,

0: 125-130.

Pons X., Lumbierres B., Starý P., 2004. Expansión de *Lysiphlebus testaceipes* (Cresson) (Hym., Braconidae, Aphidiinae) en el Noreste de la Península Ibérica. Boletín de Sanidad Vegetal. Plagas, 30: 547-552.

Starý P., Lumbierres B., Pons, X., 2004. Opportunistic changes in the host range of *Lysiphlebus testaceipes* (Cr.), an exotic aphid parasitoid expanding in the Iberian Peninsula. Journal of Pest Science, 77: 139-144.

Insecta: Coleoptera

Harmonia axyridis

Family Coccinellidae
Main target pest Toxoptera aurantii

Date of first use 1964

EPPO countries where introduced Portugal (Azores) [S*], Greece, former USSR [N], Ukraine, Tunisia,

Italy

Multiple/single introductions Single
Origin of collected material East Asia

Date of removal from the list 2009-03-25/26, Joint EPPO/IOBC Meeting on Biological Control

Agents, Engelberg (CH)

Summary of reasons The species has a wide host range across many taxonomic groups with

a strong capacity for natural spread. The species has become established in large areas of the EPPO region and is known to attack non-target prey, including some beneficial species. Based on releases elsewhere, replacement of native coccinellid species in the EPPO region could be

expected.

Insecta: Hymenoptera

Cales noacki

Family Aphelinidae

Main target pest Aleurothrixus floccosus

Date of first use 1970

EPPO countries where introduced Spain [S], France [C], Italy [S], Morocco [C], Portugal [E], Tunisia [C],

Malta, Greece (Mediterranean distribution)

Multiple/single introductions Single, multiple

Origin of collected material Chile

Date of removal from the list 2009-03-25/26, Joint EPPO/IOBC Meeting on Biological Control

Agents, Engelberg (CH)

Summary of reasons Commercial releases may lead to establishment in non-target habitats in

certain areas. Outdoor releases have shown a wide host range that extends beyond the order Hemiptera and in some areas out competes

indigenous natural enemies.

Lysiphlebus testaceipes

Family Braconidae
Target pest Aphis citricola

Date of first use 1973

EPPO countries where introduced former Czechoslovakia, France (Corse) [P], Morocco [N]

(Mediterranean countries and possibly others)

Multiple/single introductions Single, multiple

Origin of collected material USA

Target pest Toxoptera aurantii

Date of first use 1973

EPPO countries where introduced France [S, P], Spain [P], Italy [E], Morocco [N] (Mediterranean

countries and possibly others)

Multiple/single introductions Origin of collected material Date of removal from the list

Summary of reasons

Single, multiple

USA

2008-03-26/28, Joint EPPO/IOBC Meeting on Biological Control Agents Wageningen (NL)

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