



EU PLANT HEALTH REGIME

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Current Regime

Harmonised in 1993 to facilitate trade in the single market.

- Common rules for imports from outside EU
- Plant passports
 - replace phytosanitary certificates for internal trade
 - for movements within and between Member States
 - apply to plants with specific risks only
 - issued by authorised nurseries
- Action against outbreaks
 - national emergency action against new pests
 - measures may be amended or rescinded by EU
- Some regionalisation is allowed within the EU through the use of “protected zones”.



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Why is the European Commission proposing these changes?:

- 15 years of Single Market has seen significant changes.
- Enlargement of the Union.
- Politicians want to see Better regulation, not more.
- New systems for evaluations of pests and diseases have been developed over time.
- Change of personnel in Commission.
- High profile problems have also brought plant health higher up the political agenda eg.
 - pinewood nematode (*Bursaphelenchus xylophilus*)
 - maize rootworm (*Diabrotica virgifera*)
 - “Sudden oak death” (*Phytophthora ramorum*)
 - Red palm weevil (*Rhynchophorus ferrugineus*)
 - Tomato moth (*Tuta absoluta*)



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What is the timescale?:

- "Le Package", as it is being called, was launched on 6th May
- There has been a number of meetings and a first read through under the Irish Presidency.
- It does seem to be clear that it will be a Priority for the Lithuanian Presidency?
- Complications because of EP elections next year. Director of DG Sanco is confident that "Le Package" will be negotiated before the elections and in legislation by 2016 but.....

It also means that the new regulations may not be in force until 2018.

However improvements to the current system do not need to wait that long!

We are already seeing:

- Science co-ordination
- Inspectorate co-ordination and training
- Work with exporting countries on non-compliant trades
- Introduction of the TRACES system to log and track imports
- Speeding up decision making (including more Commission resources).



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So what does the proposed regulation look like?

QUARANTINE PESTS AND PRIORITY QUARANTINE PESTS:

QUALITY PESTS:

MEASURES CONCERNING PLANTS, PLANT PRODUCTS AND OTHER MATERIAL:

- New and emerging trades
- Quarantine stations
- Certifications of Plants, Plant Products and other objects
- Registration of Professional Operators
- Imports and Exports
- Financing
- Other Issues



Conclusion

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THANK YOU

ANY QUESTIONS?