

Notification of the presence of a harmful organism

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| 1 General information | |
| 1.1 Title | First Presence (confirmed) of <i>Eotetranychus lewisi</i> in Germany (Schleswig-Holstein) |
| 1.2 Executive summary | <p><i>Eotetranychus lewisi</i> was found in a greenhouse of a nursery that produces <i>Euphorbia pulcherrima</i>. The plant protection service was informed by the nursery's adviser for biological control about the suspicion. The pest was identified morphologically. The infestation was found in the variety 'Alaska'. The plants showed symptoms like yellow brightening and spots on the leaves.</p> <p>Official phytosanitary measures are applied and include destruction of infested and suspicious plants. Chemical treatments were applied several times and official inspections in the nursery are going on.</p> <p>The source of the outbreak is not known exactly. The young plants have been delivered from a nursery in another Member State. Tracing-back is not yet complete.</p> |
| 2 Information concerning the single authority and responsible persons | |
| 2.1 Notification from | Julius Kühn-Institut (JKI), Institute for National and International Plant Health, Germany |
| 2.2 Official contact: | Katrin Kaminski, Tel: +49(0)531 299 3378, outbreaks@julius-kuehn.de |
| 3 Location | |
| 3.1 Location | Schleswig-Holstein |
| 4 Reason of the notification and the pest status | |
| 4.1 First finding in Germany or in the area | First confirmed presence of the pest in the territory of the Member State concerned. |

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| 4.2 Pest status of the area where the harmful organism has been found present, after the official confirmation. | Transient: actionable, under eradication |
| 4.3 Pest status in Germany before the official confirmation of the presence, or suspected presence, of the harmful organism. | Absent: no pest records |
| 4.4 Pest status in Germany after the official confirmation of the presence of the harmful organism. | Transient: actionable, under eradication |
| 5 Finding, sampling, testing and confirmation of the harmful organism | |
| 5.1 How the presence or appearance of the harmful organism was found. | Information submitted by professional operators, laboratories or other persons. The plant protection service was informed by the adviser for biological control of the nursery. |
| 5.2 Date of finding: | 26-08-2020 |
| 5.3 Sampling for laboratory analysis. | 28-08-2020: Whole plants were taken and brought appropriately packed to the laboratory. |
| 5.4 Name and address of the Laboratory | Julius Kühn-Institut – Institut für Epidemiologie und Pathogendiagnostik Messeweg 11-12 38104 Braunschweig DE – Germany Anses, Laboratoire de la Santé des Végétaux – Unité Entomologie et plantes invasives CBGP 755 avenue du Campus Agropolis CS30016 Montferrier-sur-Lez cedex Fr-34988 FR – France |
| 5.5 Diagnostic method | Sequencing and morphological identification. |
| 5.6 Date of official confirmation of the harmful organism's identity. | 29-10-2020 |
| 6 Infested area, and the severity and source of the outbreak in that area | |
| 6.1 Size and delimitation of the infested area. | 500 m ² |
| 6.2 Characteristics of the infested area and its vicinity. | Physically closed conditions: greenhouse Plant to be (re)planted or reproduced. |

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| 6.3 Host plants in the infested area and its vicinity | <i>Euphorbia pulcherrima</i> |
| 6.4 Infested plant(s), plant product(s) and other object(s). | <i>Euphorbia pulcherrima</i> (500 pce) |
| 6.5 Severity of the outbreak. | The infestation was found in the variety 'Alaska'. The plants showed symptoms: yellowish brightening and spotting of the leaves. |
| 6.6 Source of the outbreak | The source of the outbreak is not known exactly. The young plants have been delivered from a nursery in another Member State. Tracing-back is not yet complete. |
| 7 Official phytosanitary measures | |
| 7.1 Adoption of official phytosanitary measures. | Official phytosanitary measures have been taken. Those measures are taken inside the demarcated area. All infested and suspicious plants have been destroyed, including all adjacent plants. The variety 'Alaska' was isolated and appropriate chemical treatments against spider mites were applied. The plants have been officially inspected on a weekly basis. |
| 7.2 Date of adoption of the official phytosanitary measures. | 28-08-2020 |
| 7.3 Identification of the area covered by the official phytosanitary measures. | 500 m ² |
| 7.4 Objective of the official phytosanitary measures. | Eradication |
| 7.5 Specific surveys. | Yes, the official inspections in the nursery are going on. |
| 8 Pest risk analysis/assessment | Pest risk assessment is not required. Harmful organism is listed in Annex II A of Regulation (EU) 2019/2072. |