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Notification on implementation of new Phytosanitary requirements for introduction into the Serbia of specified plants originating in country where the harmful organism *Xylella fastidiosa* is not present or where is known to be present

Dear Colleagues,

We would like to inform you that Ministry of Agriculture and Environmental Protection of Republic of Serbia published Rulebook on measures to detect, to prevent the spread and to eradicate the harmful organism *Xylella fastidiosa* (Well et al.), method for definition of demarcated areas, the conditions for completion of ordered measures, the notification of measures taken and termination of these measures (“*Official gazette RS*”, No. 31/2016).

This Rulebook prescribes specific import requirements for specified plants originating in country where the harmful organism *Xylella fastidiosa* is not present or where is known to be present.

For your convenience we are sending in Annex I to this Letter specific import requirements according to abovementioned Rulebook and list of prescribed specified plants, translated into English.

Full version of this Rulebook in Serbian language, you may find on official website of Plant Protection Directorate (link: <http://www.uzb.minpolj.gov.rs/>)

We kindly ask you to forward this information to your officers responsible for export certification and issuance of Phytosanitary Certificates, so there should be no inconveniences in trade of specified plants.

Thank you for your kind cooperation.

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Phytosanitary requirements for introduction into the Serbia of specified plants originating in country where the harmful organism *Xylella fastidiosa* is not present or where is known to be present

Art. 3, 4 and 5 of Rulebook on measures to detect, to prevent the spread and to eradicate the harmful organism *Xylella fastidiosa* (Well et al.), method for definition of demarcated areas, the conditions for completion of ordered measures, the notification of measures taken and termination of these measures (Official gazette RS, No. 31/16) prescribe phytosanitary requirements for introduction into the Serbia of specified plants originating in country where the harmful organism *Xylella fastidiosa* is not present or where is known to be present.

Phytosanitary requirements for introduction into the Serbia of specified plants originating in country where the harmful organism *Xylella fastidiosa* is not present (Art. 3.)

Specified plants originating in country where the harmful organism *Xylella fastidiosa* is not present may be introduced into the Republic of Serbia if the following conditions are fulfilled:

- 1) the specified plants are accompanied by a Phytosanitary Certificate, stating under the rubric 'Additional Declaration' that the harmful organism is not present in the country;
- 2) neither presence nor symptoms of the harmful organism have been found.

The phytosanitary inspection for the presence of harmful organism is carried out in accordance with Article 5, paragraph 2 of this Rulebook.

Phytosanitary requirements for introduction into the Serbia of specified plants originating in country where the harmful organism *Xylella fastidiosa* is known to be present (Art. 4.)

Art. 4 paragraph 1

Specified plants originating in country where the harmful organism *Xylella fastidiosa* is known to be present may be introduced into the Republic of Serbia if the following conditions are fulfilled:

- 1) specified plants are accompanied by a Phytosanitary Certificate, stating under the rubric 'Additional Declaration' data (information) referred to in paragraph 3 or 4 of this Article;
- 2) neither presence nor symptoms of the harmful organism have been found.

Art. 4 paragraph 2

The phytosanitary inspection for the presence of harmful organism is carried out in accordance with Article 5, paragraph 3 of this Rulebook.

Art. 4 paragraph 3

Where specified plants originate in an area free from the harmful organism, as established by the national plant protection organisation concerned in accordance with relevant International Standards for Phytosanitary Measures, in the Phytosanitary Certificate, under the rubric 'Additional Declaration' the following conditions must be stated:

- 1) plants have been grown through its lifecycle in the area free from the harmful organism, established in accordance with relevant International Standards for Phytosanitary Measures;
- 2) the name of that area is stated in the Phytosanitary Certificate under the rubric 'place of origin'.

Art. 4 paragraph 4

Where specified plants originate in an area where the harmful organism is known to be present, in the Phytosanitary Certificate shall be stated under the rubric 'Additional Declaration' that:

- 1) the specified plants have been produced in one or more sites fulfilling the conditions set out in paragraph 5 of this Article;
- 2) the national plant protection organisation of the country of origin has published or communicated in writing to the Republic of Serbia the list of those sites, including their location within the country. The name of that site or location shall be indicated in the Phytosanitary Certificate under the rubric 'Place of origin';
- 3) phytosanitary treatments against the vectors of the harmful organism are applied in the site and its zone as referred to in paragraph 5 point 3) of this Article;
- 4) representative samples of each species of specified plants from each site have been subject to annual testing, at the most appropriate time, and the absence of the harmful organism has been confirmed on the basis of tests carried out in accordance with internationally validated testing methods;
- 5) the specified plants have been transported in closed containers or packaging, ensuring that infection with the harmful organism or any of its known vectors cannot occur;
- 6) as practically close to the time of export as possible, the lots of the specified plants were subjected to official visual inspection, sampling and molecular testing, carried out in accordance with internationally validated testing methods, confirming the absence of the harmful organism, using a sampling scheme able to identify with 99 % reliability a level of presence of infected plants of 1 % or above and targeted especially at plants displaying suspect symptoms of the harmful organism;

7) immediately prior to export, the lots of the specified plants were subjected to phytosanitary treatments against any of the known vectors of the harmful organism.

Art. 4 paragraph 5

The site referred to in point 1) of paragraph 4 of this Article must fulfill the following conditions:

1) it is authorised by the national plant protection organisation of country of origin as free from the harmful organism and its vectors, in accordance with the relevant International Standards for Phytosanitary Measures;

2) it is physically protected against the introduction of the harmful organism and its vectors;

3) it is surrounded by a zone with a width of 200 meters which has been found by official visual inspection, and, in case of suspicion of the presence of the harmful organism, by sampling and testing, to be free from the harmful organism, and is subject to appropriate phytosanitary treatments against the vectors of the harmful organism; those treatments may include, as appropriate, removal of plants;

4) it is subject to phytosanitary treatments that aim to maintain freedom from vectors of the harmful organism; those treatments may include, as appropriate, removal of plants;

5) it is subjected annually, together with the zone referred to in point 3) of this paragraph, to at least two official inspections carried out at appropriate times;

6) throughout the production time of the specified plants, neither symptoms of the harmful organism nor its vectors were found in the site, or, if suspect symptoms were observed, testing has been undertaken and absence of the harmful organism has been confirmed;

7) throughout the production time of the specified plants, no symptoms of the harmful organism were found in the zone referred to in point 3) of this paragraph or, if suspect symptoms were observed, testing has been undertaken and absence of the harmful organism has been confirmed.

Art. 4 paragraph 6

Introduction into the territory of Republic of Serbia of *Coffea* plants for planting, other than seeds, originating in Costa Rica or Honduras is prohibited.

Official checks at introduction into the Serbia (Art. 5)

The phytosanitary inspection for the presence of harmful organism of all consignments of specified plants introduced into the Republic of Serbia is carried out at the point of entry for the presence of harmful organism by documentary check pursuant Articles 3 or 4, identity check and plant health check.

In the case of specified plants originating in a country where the specified organism is not present, the Phytosanitary inspector carry out the following checks:

- 1) a visual inspection; and
- 2) in the case of suspicion of the presence of the harmful organism and its vectors, sampling and testing of the lot of the specified plants to confirm the absence of the harmful organism or its symptoms.

In the case of specified plants originating in a country where the harmful organism is known to be present, the Phytosanitary inspector carry out the following checks:

- 1) a visual inspection; and
- 2) sampling and testing of each lot of the specified plants to confirm the absence of the specified organism, or its vectors.

For specified plants imported pursuant paragraph 3 of this Article shall be determined post-quarantine supervision for two vegetative periods.

The samples shall be of a size that allows identifying with 99 % reliability a level of infected plants of 1 % or above, taking account of ISPM No 31.

SPECIFIED PLANTS – prescribed in Annex I of Rulebook

Acacia longifolia (Andrews) Willd.

Acacia saligna (Labill.) H. L. Wendl.

Acer

Aesculus

Agrostis gigantea Roth

Albizia julibrissin Durazz.

Alnus rhombifolia Nutt.

Alternanthera tenella Colla

Amaranthus blitoides S. Watson

Ambrosia acanthicarpa Hook.

Ambrosia artemisiifolia L.

Ambrosia trifida L.

Ampelopsis arborea (L.) Koehne

Ampelopsis cordata Michx.

Asparagus acutifolius L

Artemisia douglasiana Hook.

Artemisia vulgaris var. *heterophylla* (H.M. Hall & Clements) Jepson

Avena fatua L.

Baccharis halimifolia L.

Baccharis pilularis DC.

Baccharis salicifolia (Ruiz & Pav.)
Bidens pilosa L.
Brachiaria decumbens (Stapf)
Brachiaria plantaginea (Link) Hitchc.
Brassica
Bromus diandrus Roth
Callicarpa americana L.
Capsella bursa-pastoris (L.) Medik.
Carex
Carya illinoensis (Wangenh.) K. Koch
Cassia tora (L.) Roxb.
Catharanthus
Celastrus orbiculata Thunb.
Celtis occidentalis L.
Cenchrus echinatus L.
Cercis canadensis L.
Cercis occidentalis Torr.
Chamaecrista fasciculata (Michx.) Greene
Chenopodium quinoa Willd.
Chionanthus
Chitalpa tashkinensis T. S. Elias & Wisura
Citrus
Cistus creticus L.
Cistus monspeliensis L.
Cistus salviifolius L.
Coelorachis cylindrica (Michx.) Nash
Coffea
Commelina benghalensis L.
Conium maculatum L.
Convolvulus arvensis L.
Conyza canadensis (L.) Cronquist
Cornus florida L.
Coronopus didymus (L.) Sm.
Cynodon dactylon (L.) Pers.
Cyperus eragrostis Lam.
Cyperus esculentus L.
Cytisus scoparius (L.) Link
Cytisus racemosus Broom
Datura wrightii Regel
Digitaria horizontalis Willd.

Digitaria insularis (L.) Ekman
Digitaria sanguinalis (L.) Scop.
Disphania ambrosioides (L.) Mosyakin & Clemants
Dodonaea viscosa Jacq.
Duranta erecta L.
Echinochloa crus-galli (L.) P. Beauv.
Encelia farinosa A. Gray ex Torr.
Eriochloa contracta Hitchc.
Erodium
Escallonia montevidensis Link & Otto
Eucalyptus camaldulensis Dehnh.
Eucalyptus globulus Labill.
Eugenia myrtifolia Sims
Euphorbia hirta L.
Euphorbia terracina L.
Fagus crenata Blume
Ficus carica L.
Fragaria vesca L.
Fraxinus americana L.
Fraxinus dipetala Hook. & Arn.
Fraxinus latifolia Benth.
Fraxinus pennsylvanica Marshall
Fuchsia magellanica Lam.
Genista monspessulana (L.) L. A. S. Johnson
Genista ephedroides DC.
Geranium dissectum L.
Ginkgo biloba L.
Gleditsia triacanthos L.
Grevillea juniperina L.
Hebe Laurus nobilis L.
Hedera helix L.
Helianthus annuus L.
Hemerocallis
Heteromeles arbutifolia (Lindl.) M. Roem.
Hibiscus schizopetalus (Masters) J.D. Hooker
Hibiscus syriacus L.
Hordeum murinum L.
Hydrangea paniculata Siebold
Ilex vomitoria Sol. ex Aiton
Ipomoea purpurea (L.) Roth

Iva annua L.
Jacaranda mimosifolia D. Don
Juglans
Juniperus ashei J. Buchholz
Koelreuteria bipinnata Franch.
Lactuca serriola L.
Lagerstroemia indica L.
Lavandula dentata L.
Lavandula angustifolia Mill.
Ligustrum lucidum L.
Lippia nodiflora (L.) Greene
Liquidambar styraciflua L.
Liriodendron tulipifera L.
Lolium perenne L.
Lonicera japonica (L.) Thunb.
Ludwigia grandiflora (Michx.) Greuter & Burdet
Lupinus aridorum McFarlin ex Beckner
Lupinus villosus Willd.
Magnolia grandiflora L.
Malva
Marrubium vulgare L.
Medicago polymorpha L.
Medicago sativa L.
Melilotus
Melissa officinalis L.
Metrosideros
Modiola caroliniana (L.) G. Don
Montia linearis (Hook.) Greene
Morus
Myoporum insulare R. Br.
Myrtus communis L.
Nandina domestica Murray
Neptunia lutea (Leavenw.) Benth.
Nerium oleander L.
Nicotiana glauca Graham
Olea europaea L.
Origanum majorana L.
Paspalum dilatatum Poir.
Persea americana Mill.
Pelargonium graveolens L'Hér

Phoenix reclinata Jacq.
Phoenix roebelenii O'Brien
Pinus taeda L.
Pistacia vera L.
Plantago lanceolata L.
Platanus
Pluchea odorata (L.) Cass.
Poa annua L.
Polygala myrtifolia L.
Polygonum arenastrum Boreau
Polygonum lapathifolium (L.) Delarbre
Polygonum persicaria Gray
Populus fremontii S. Watson
Portulaca
Prunus
Pyrus pyrifolia (Burm. f.) Nakai
Quercus
Ranunculus repens L.
Ratibida columnifera (Nutt.) Wootton & Standl.
Rhamnus alaternus L.
Rhus diversiloba Torr. & A. Gray
Rosa californica Cham. & Schldl.
Rosmarinus officinalis L.
Rubus
Rumex crispus L.
Salix
Salsola tragus L.
Salvia mellifera Greene
Sambucus
Sapindus saponaria L.
Schinus molle L.
Senecio vulgaris L.
Setaria magna Griseb.
Silybum marianum (L.) Gaertn.
Simmondsia chinensis (Link) C. K. Schneid.
Sisymbrium irio L.
Solanum americanum Mill.
Solanum elaeagnifolium Cav.
Solidago virgaurea L.
Sonchus

Sorghum
Spartium junceum L.
Spermacoce latifolia Aubl.
Stellaria media (L.) Vill.
Tillandsia usneoides (L.) L.
Toxicodendron diversilobum (Torr. & A. Gray) Greene
Trifolium repens L.
Ulmus americana L.
Ulmus crassifolia Nutt.
Umbellularia californica (Hook. & Arn.) Nutt.
Urtica dioica L.
Urtica urens L.
Vaccinium
Verbena litoralis Kunth
Veronica
Vicia faba L.
Vinca
Vitis
Westringia fruticosa (Willd.) Druce
Westringia glabra L.
Xanthium spinosum L.
Xanthium strumarium L.