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Pest report from NPPO of Germany

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Report sent in 16th May 2012

Reason for reporting: new finding of a pest in Germany

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| Identity of the pest: | <i>Anoplophora glabripennis</i> |
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Categorization of the pest: The pest is listed in Directive 2000/29/EC Annex IAI and EPPO A1 list

Host plants concerned: *Platanus* sp.

Location: The pest was found in Weil am Rhein in Baden-Wuerttemberg near the river Rhine.

Short description:

- **Date of finding:** 18th April 2012.
- **General context of the pest report:** During the regular survey carried out in the area of the port of Weil am Rhein two larvae suspected to be *Anoplophora glabripennis* have been found. One larva was detected in a suspicious branch of a *Platanus* sp. tree. Another larva has been found in wood packaging material of a consignment of stones from China. The larvae were sent to the BFW (Federal Research and Training Centre for Forests, Natural Hazards and Landscape) in Vienna for diagnosis with a PCR method. The final confirmation of ALB was received on 7th May 2012. The infested tree was located close to area of the harbour of Weil am Rhein where consignments of stones are stored. Many of the stones have been delivered from China and were transported to the area by inland water vessels on the Rhine. The regional plant protection service surveys the area regularly because in the last years consignments with infested wood packaging material were intercepted repeatedly (EUROPHYT notifications: DE/JKI/2012/0155, DE/JKI/2012/0117, DE/JKI/2012/0086, DE/JKI/2012/0024, DE/JKI/2011/0668, DE/JKI/2010/0790, DE/BBA/2005/0127). In addition, in 2011 two beetles have been found and were notified on 19th July 2011. It was presumed that they had emerged from infested wood packaging material. No causal connection could be found nor to a special consignment nor to possibly infested plants.
- **Are official control measures being taken?** Yes, the infested tree has been destroyed and a quarantine zone of 2 km radius has been imposed. Further quarantine measures according to the German guidelines on the control of *A. glabripennis* are envisaged.
- **References/Links:** notification on the occurrence of *Anoplophora glabripennis* (19th July 2011)