

**Notification of the presence of a harmful organism**

<b>1 General information</b>	
1.1 Title	Outbreak of <i>Clavibacter michiganensis</i> ssp. <i>sepedonicus</i> in Mecklenburg-Western Pomerania
1.2 Executive summary	<i>Clavibacter michiganensis</i> ssp. <i>sepedonicus</i> has been found in one lot of seed potatoes in Mecklenburg-Western Pomerania. The pathogen was found during testing for seed potato certification. Official phytosanitary measures for eradication of the pathogen are taken. The lot has been destroyed. In addition, 13 lots that were grown on the same field are suspected to be infested and they are not allowed to be used as seed potatoes but for processing. It is prohibited to grow potatoes on the concerned field and a security zone has been demarcated. Trace back and forward investigations did not result in any further findings.
<b>2 <u>Information concerning the single authority and responsible persons.</u></b>	
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<b>3 Location</b>	
3.1 Location	In Mecklenburg-Western Pomerania
<b>4 Reason of the notification and the pest status</b>	
4.1 First finding in Germany or in the area	Confirmed appearance of the harmful organism in part of the territory of Germany, in which its presence was previously unknown

4.2 Pest status of the area where the harmful organism has been found present, after the official confirmation.	Present, under eradication, in specific parts of the area
4.3 Pest status in Germany before the official confirmation of the presence, or suspected presence, of the harmful organism.	Present, few occurrences, under official control
4.4 Pest status in Germany after the official confirmation of the presence of the harmful organism.	Present, few occurrences, under official control
<b>5 Finding, sampling, testing and confirmation of the harmful organism.</b>	
5.1 How the presence or appearance of the harmful organism was found.	Pest related official survey: testing for seed potato certification
5.2 Date of finding:	02-11-2017
5.3 Sampling for laboratory analysis.	19-10-2017
5.4 Date of official confirmation of the harmful organism's identity.	07-12-2017
<b>6 Infested area, and the severity and source of the outbreak in that area.</b>	
6.1 Size and delimitation of the infested area.	2 ha
6.2 Characteristics of the infested area and its vicinity.	Open air – production areas: field
6.3 Infested plant(s), plant product(s) and other object(s).	<i>Solanum tuberosum</i> (seed potatoes)
6.4 Source of the outbreak.	Unknown
<b>7 Official phytosanitary measures.</b>	
7.1 Adoption of official phytosanitary measures.	<p>Official phytosanitary measures have been taken:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Destruction of the infested lot</li> <li>- Possibly infested lots grown on the same field are not allowed to be used as seed potatoes but for processing</li> <li>- Trace back and forward did not</li> </ul>

	<p>result in any further findings</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- It is prohibited to grow potatoes on the concerned field</li> <li>- A security zone has been demarcated including the storage facility and all growers that delivered potatoes to that storage</li> </ul>
7.2 Date of adoption of the official phytosanitary measures.	02-11-2017
7.3 Objective of the official phytosanitary measures.	eradication
7.4 Specific surveys.	yes
<b>8 Pest risk analysis/assessment</b>	Pest risk assessment is not required (harmful organism is listed in Annex I of Directive 2000/29/EC)