

## Notification of the presence of a harmful organism – update

<b>1 General information</b>	
1.1 Title	Update of an outbreak of <i>Clavibacter sepedonicus</i> in Germany (Lower Saxony)
1.2 Executive summary	<p>Bacterial ring rot was found in a seed potato lot (potatoes not for official certification but under phytosanitary supervision, quasi own propagation within a producer's group). The pathogen was found during testing for quarantine pests. Official phytosanitary eradication measures are taken. The source of infection is unknown. Trace-forward investigations showed no further findings. Trace-back is still ongoing.</p> <p><b><u>Update 2022:</u> The official eradication measures are updated. The demarcated area of 5 ha was added. In 2021, there were no further findings during intensified official inspections.</b></p>
<b>2 Information concerning the single authority and responsible persons</b>	
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<b>3 Location</b>	
3.1 Location	In Lower Saxony
<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 pest 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 where host plants are grown

4.3 Pest status in Germany before the official confirmation of the presence, or suspected presence, of the harmful organism.	Present: under eradication, few occurrences, under official control
4.4 Pest status in Germany after the official confirmation of the presence of the harmful organism.	Present: under eradication, 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.	Phytosanitary inspection of any type.
5.2 Date of finding:	27-11-2020
5.3 Sampling for laboratory analysis.	Date of sampling: 14-12-2020 First suspicion arose during the official controls. Further samples were taken between 11-12/14-12-2020, which led to confirmation of the infestation with bacterial ring rot.
5.4 Name and address of the Laboratory	Landwirtschaftskammer Niedersachsen Pflanzenschutzamt Wunstorfer Landstraße 9 30453 Hannover Germany
5.5 Diagnostic method	Testing method according to Directive 2006/56/EC amending the Annexes of Directive 93/85/EEC on the control of potato ring rot.
5.6 Date of official confirmation of the harmful organism's identity.	02-03-2021
<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.	5 ha
6.2 Characteristics of the infested area and its vicinity.	Open air – production area: field (arable, pasture) Plant to be (re)planted or reproduced
6.3 Host plants in the infested area and its vicinity	<i>Solanum tuberosum</i>
6.4 Infested plant(s), plant product(s) and other object(s).	<i>Solanum tuberosum</i> (5 ha)
<b>7 Official phytosanitary measures</b>	
7.1 Adoption of official phytosanitary measures.	<b>Official phytosanitary measures have been taken within the demarcated area.</b>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <b>Destruction of the infested lot</b></li> <li>- <b>Prohibition of planting seed potatoes that are grown in the infested area</b></li> <li>- <b>Disinfection of machines, storage facilities, transport vehicles, packaging materials etc.</b></li> <li>- <b>No production of seed potatoes for 3 years within the infested area</b></li> <li>- <b>Prohibition of production of seed potatoes for at least 5 years within the infested area</b></li> <li>- <b>Restrictions for the production of potatoes and intensified official inspections of potatoes for the next 3 years. No further findings in 2021.</b></li> </ul>
7.2 Date of adoption of the official phytosanitary measures.	<p>02-03-2021</p> <p>With suspicion of infestation preliminary phytosanitary measures were taken:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- ban on movement of goods</li> <li>- inspection and testing of all goods within the suspected infected area</li> </ul>
7.3 Identification of the area covered by the official phytosanitary measures.	<b>5 ha</b>
7.4 Objective of the official phytosanitary measures.	Eradication
7.5 Measures affecting the movement of goods.	Measures do not affect import into or movement within the Union of goods.
7.6 Specific surveys.	Yes, control of phytosanitary measures and testing of potatoes (bacterial ring rot).
<b>8 Pest risk analysis/assessment</b>	Pest risk assessment is not required. Harmful organism is listed in Annex II B of Regulation (EU) 2019/2072.