

Pursuant to Article 12 paragraph 5 of the Law on Plant Health Protection (Official Gazette of the Republic of Montenegro 28/06 and Official Gazette of Montenegro 28/11), the Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development adopted the

RULEBOOK

ON PHYTOSANITARY MEASURES FOR PREVENTION OF INTRODUCTION, SPREAD AND SUPPRESSION OF POTATO SPINDLE TUBER VIROID*

(Official Gazette of Montenegro 56/11 of 25 November 2011)

Article 1

This Rulebook shall prescribe the phytosanitary measures for prevention of introduction, spread and suppression of Potato spindle tuber viroid.

Article 2

Plants intended for planting, including seeds, from the genus *Brugmansia* Pers. may be introduced in Montenegro only if accompanied by a phytocertificate containing the data: that plants originate and were grown during the entire life cycle in the place of production registered with and supervised by the competent service in charge of plant health protection of the country of origin (hereinafter referred to as: competent service) and that the place of plant production meets one of the following requirements:

- it is located in the country known for absence of Potato spindle tuber viroid; or
- it is located in an uninfected area determined by the competent service in line with the International Standards for Phytosanitary Measures and which is entered in the phytocertificate; or
- by testing, namely, laboratory analysis of all batches of plants, prior to its movement from the place of production, it was established that it was free from Potato spindle tuber viroid; or
- by testing, namely laboratory analysis of all connected parent plants of designated plants prior to their movement from the place of production, it was determined that plants were free of Potato spindle tuber viroid, and that after testing prior to movement, the plants and parent plants remained uninfected.

Plants intended for planting, including the seeds of species *Solanum jasminoides* Paxton may be introduced in Montenegro only if it meets the requirements referred to in paragraph 1 of this Article and requirements referred to in item 13 of the List III of the regulation on phytosanitary measures for prevention of introduction, spread and suppression of harmful organisms and lists of harmful organisms of plants, plant products and regulated articles.

Plants referred to in paragraphs 1 and 2 of this Article may be introduced in Montenegro if the phytosanitary check on the occasion of its introduction and testing, namely laboratory analysis, established that the plants are free of Potato spindle tuber viroid.

Article 3

Plants intended for planting, including the seeds, from order Brugmansia Pers. and species Solanum jasminoides Paxton, originating in Montenegro or introduced in compliance with Article 2 of this Rulebook, may be relocated only if:

- it is accompanied by a plant passport, and
- during its entire life cycle or from the moment of its introduction in Montenegro, it has been growing in the place of production meeting one of the requirements referred to in Article 2 paragraph 1 ind. 1, 2, 3 and 4 of this Rulebook.

Provision of paragraph 1 of this Article shall not refer to the small quantities used by a titleholder of plants for non-commercial purposes, on condition there is no danger from spreading of Potato spindle tuber viroid.

Article 4

For the purpose of establishment of presence and prevention of spread of Potato spindle tuber viroid, systematic examination or special surveillance are performed within the annual programme of phytosanitary measures, in compliance with the law.

Administrative authority in charge of plant health protection shall be immediately informed on every suspicious occurrence or confirmed presence of Potato spindle tuber viroid, referred to in paragraph 1 of this Article.

Article 5

In case of suspected infection with Potato spindle tuber viroid, the phytosanitary inspector shall:

- 1) take a sample and send it for laboratory analysis in compliance with the law;
- 2) forbid movement of designated plants from the place where sample was taken,
- 3) order taking of preventative hygienic measures on the occasion of contact with plants, as follows:
 - use of disposable gloves, plastic covers for footwear and garments which are combusted after use,
 - disinfection of garment, whereby spreading of harmful organism is prevented;
 - disinfection of equipment and tools;
- 4) other measures in compliance with the law.

Article 6

If the laboratory analysis confirms infection with Potato spindle tuber viroid, the phytosanitary inspector shall order the titleholder of plants to take phytosanitary measures in the place of production:

- 1) destruction by combustion or deep burying of all plants:
 - on which infection was confirmed,
 - for which result of testing, namely laboratory analysis, was negative or which were not tested, but originate from the same place as the infected plants,
 - obtained through multiplication of infected plants;
- 2) hygienic measures on the occasion of destruction of plants:
 - use of disposable gloves, plastic covers for footwear and garments which are combusted after use,
 - disinfection of equipment and tools;
- 3) other measures in compliance with the law.

Article 7

Provision of Article 3 paragraph 1 indent 1 of this Rulebook shall be applicable as of 1 January 2013.

Article 8

This Rulebook shall enter into force on the eighth day from the day of publication in the Official Gazette of Montenegro.

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Minister,
Tarzan Milošević, signed

* 2007/410/EC: Commission Decision of 12 June 2007 on measures to prevent the introduction into and the spread within the Community of Potato spindle tuber viroid was transposed into this Rulebook.