

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

<b>1 General information</b>	
1.1 Title	Occurrence of <i>Synchytrium endobioticum</i> in Germany (Rhineland-Palatinate)
1.2 Executive summary	<i>Synchytrium endobioticum</i> has been found in ware potatoes in two private gardens in Rhineland-Palatinate. In both cases the owners brought infested potatoes to the laboratory of the plant protection service. A survey is being carried out in the surroundings of the gardens and a demarcated area will be identified.
<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 Rhineland-Palatinate

<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
4.3 Pest status in Germany before the official confirmation of the presence, or suspected presence, of the harmful organism.	Present, at low prevalence, few occurrences
4.4 Pest status in Germany after the official confirmation of the presence of the harmful organism.	Present, at low prevalence, few occurrences
<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.	Information submitted by private persons
5.2 Date of finding:	On 6 and 9 September 2016 samples were brought to the laboratory.
5.3 Name and address of the Laboratory.	Dienstleistungszentrum Ländlicher Raum Rheinhessen-Nahe-Hunsrück, Abteilung Landwirtschaft/Pflanzenschutz Rüdesheimer Straße 60-68 55545 Bad Kreuznach
5.4 Diagnostic method.	Diagnosis based on resting spores of the harmful organism
5.5 Date of official confirmation of the harmful organism's identity.	12 September 2016
<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 private gardens
6.2 Characteristics of the infested area and	Open air – private garden:

its vicinity.	Ware potatoes for private consumption
6.3 Infested plant(s), plant product(s) and other object(s).	<i>Solanum tuberosum</i> (according to private person variety Marabel, Granola and Belana)
6.4 Source of the outbreak.	Unknown. One of the private persons mentioned that minor symptoms had been already present in previous years.
<b>7 Official phytosanitary measures.</b>	
7.1 Adoption of official phytosanitary measures.	<p>Official phytosanitary measures, other than measures in the form of chemical, biological or physical treatment, have been taken:</p> <p>prohibition to move the infested ware potatoes</p> <p>Official measures will be taken:</p> <p>Official survey, identification of the demarcated area</p>
<b>8 Pest risk analysis/assessment</b>	Pest risk analysis is not required (harmful organism is listed in Annex IAll of Directive 2000/29/EC)