

Notification of the presence of a harmful organism

1 General information	
1.1 Title	Finding of <i>Curtobacterium flaccumfaciens</i> pv. <i>pointsettiae</i> in Germany (Schleswig-Holstein)
1.2 Executive summary	<i>Curtobacterium flaccumfaciens</i> pv. <i>pointsettiae</i> was found in a greenhouse in Schleswig-Holstein on plants of <i>Euphorbia pulcherrima</i> 'Scandic Early'. The nursery found symptoms and informed the plant protection service. Samples were taken and the pathogen was identified in the laboratory of the plant protection service in North Rhine-Westphalia. The infested plants and the neighboring plants have been destroyed and disinfection measures are taken to avoid the spread of the pathogen. Official inspections take place on a weekly basis. Trace-back investigations are ongoing to find out the source of the infestation.
2 Information concerning the single authority and responsible persons.	
2.1 Notification from	Julius Kühn-Institut (JKI), Institute for National and International Plant Health, Germany
2.2 Official contact:	Katrin Kaminski, Tel: +49(0)531 299 3378, outbreaks@julius-kuehn.de
3 Location	
3.1 Location	In Schleswig-Holstein
4 Reason of the notification and the pest status	
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.	Transient, actionable, under eradication
4.3 Pest status in Germany before the official confirmation of the presence, or suspected presence, of the harmful organism.	Transient, actionable, under eradication
4.4 Pest status in Germany after the official confirmation of the presence of the harmful organism.	Transient, actionable, under eradication
5 Finding, sampling, testing and confirmation of the harmful organism.	
5.1 How the presence or appearance of the harmful organism was found.	The nursery found symptoms and informed the plant protection service.
5.2 Date of finding:	08-11-2018
5.3 Sampling for laboratory analysis.	16-10-2018
5.4 Name and address of the Laboratory	Landwirtschaftskammer NRW
5.5 Date of official confirmation of the harmful organism's identity.	08-11-2018
6 Infested area, and the severity and source of the outbreak in that area.	
6.1 Size and delimitation of the infested area.	3000 plants
6.2 Characteristics of the infested area and its vicinity.	Physically closed conditions: greenhouse
6.3 Infested plant(s), plant product(s) and other object(s).	<i>Euphorbia pulcherrima</i>
6.4 Severity of the outbreak.	The infested plants showed significant damage.
6.5 Source of the outbreak	Trace-back investigations are ongoing.

7 Official phytosanitary measures.	
7.1 Adoption of official phytosanitary measures.	Official phytosanitary measures have been taken but no demarcated area established: Symptoms were only observed on 1 variety. All infested plants and the neighboring plants have been destroyed. Strict hygiene measures are taken to avoid the spread of the pathogen and official inspections will be done on a weekly basis. Further surveys of all plants in this nursery will be made.
7.2 Date of adoption of the official phytosanitary measures.	16-10-2018
7.3 Objective of the official phytosanitary measures.	Eradication
7.4 Measures affecting the movement of goods.	Measures do not affect import into or movement within the Union of goods
7.5 Specific surveys.	Yes, weekly inspections in the nursery
8 Pest risk analysis/assessment	Preliminary pest risk analysis exists (Express-PRA): https://pflanzengesundheits.julius-kuehn.de/en/pest-risk-analyses.html