

Notification of the presence of a harmful organism – closing note

1 General information	
1.1 Title	Eradication of an outbreak of <i>Phytophthora ramorum</i> in Germany (Schleswig-Holstein)
1.2 Executive summary	<p>In 2017, a suspicious <i>Rhododendron</i> plant was found on a cemetery during the monitoring for <i>Phytophthora ramorum</i>. An official sample was taken and <i>Phytophthora ramorum</i> was identified. The area was visually inspected after the confirmation and further samples have been taken. Eradication measures were taken. The recent years surveys have been carried out.</p> <p>No infested plants have been found since the finding of one infested <i>Rhododendron</i> plant in 2017. Since 2021, European isolates of <i>P. ramorum</i> are not classified as quarantine pest anymore but are regulated as a Regulated Non-Quarantine Pest (RNQP). Therefore, no specific survey and phytosanitary measures are applied anymore.</p>
2 Information concerning the single authority	
2.1 Notification from	Julius Kühn-Institut (JKI), Institute for National and International Plant Health, Germany
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 pest in part 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: other, since the regulatory status of <i>Phytophthora ramorum</i> was changed from a quarantine pest to an RNQP, no specific survey has been carried out. As part of the general surveillance, symptoms of <i>P. ramorum</i> have not been noticed.

4.3 Pest status in Germany before the official confirmation of the presence, or suspected presence, of the harmful organism.	Present: other, few occurrences
4.4 Pest status in Germany after the official confirmation of the presence of the harmful organism.	Present: other, few occurrences
5 Finding, sampling, testing and confirmation of the harmful organism	
5.1 How the presence or appearance of the harmful organism was found.	Pest related official survey
5.2 Date of finding:	25-08-2017
5.3 Sampling for laboratory analysis.	Date of sampling: 25-08-2017
5.4 Name and address of the Laboratory	Landwirtschaftskammer Schleswig-Holstein – Pflanzenbau, Pflanzenschutz, Umwelt Diagnose-Labor Westring 383 24118 Kiel Germany
5.5 Diagnostic method	According to peer reviewed protocols PM 7/100 (1) - Rep-PCR tests for the identification of bacteria
5.6 Date of official confirmation of the harmful organism's identity.	29-08-2017
6 Infested area, and the severity and source of the outbreak in that area	
6.1 Characteristics of the infested area and its vicinity.	Open air – other: public sites Plant for planting
6.2 Host plants in the infested area and its vicinity	<i>Rhododendron</i> sp.
6.3 Infested plant(s), plant product(s) and other object(s).	<i>Rhododendron</i> sp. (1 pce)
6.4 Severity of the outbreak.	Firstly, only one <i>Rhododendron</i> plant showed symptoms of the disease on branches and leaves. But later symptoms were also found on other plants and samples have been taken. No other infested plant was detected.
6.5 Source of the outbreak	The pathway of <i>Phytophthora ramorum</i> into this cemetery is unknown.

7 Official phytosanitary measures	
7.1 Adoption of official phytosanitary measures.	Official phytosanitary measures have been taken. The plant was destroyed. The area was put under surveillance. Symptoms were found on other plants and samples have been taken. No other infested plant was detected.
7.2 Date of adoption of the official phytosanitary measures.	29-08-2017
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, regular visual inspections including sampling. Since 2021, European isolates of <i>P. ramorum</i> are not classified as quarantine pest anymore but are regulated as RNQP. Therefore, no specific survey and phytosanitary measures are applied anymore.
8 Pest risk analysis/assessment	Pest risk assessment is not required. Since 2021, European isolates of <i>P. ramorum</i> are not classified as quarantine pest anymore but are regulated as RNQP.