

Notification of the presence of a harmful organism (2233) – closing note

1 General information	
1.1 Title	Eradication of an outbreak of Tomato brown rugose fruit virus (ToBRFV) in Germany (North Rhine-Westphalia)
1.2 Executive summary	<p>In 2023, ToBRFV has been found in a greenhouse in North Rhine-Westphalia. The infested tomato plants were used for tomato fruit production.</p> <p>A demarcated area has been established and official eradication measures were taken.</p> <p>In 2024, samples of young plants as well as surfaces were analyzed but no infestation with ToBRFV has been detected. The infestation is therefore considered eradicated. Furthermore, ToBRFV has been regulated as a Regulated Non-Quarantine Pest (RNQP) since January 2025.</p>
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
3 Location	
3.1 Location	In North Rhine-Westphalia
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 the territory of Germany, in which it has been previously present but eradicated.
4.2 Pest status of the area where the harmful organism has been found present, after the official confirmation.	Absent: pest found present but eradicated

4.3 Pest status in Germany before the official confirmation of the presence, or suspected presence, of the harmful organism.	Present: under eradication
4.4 Pest status in Germany after the official confirmation of the presence of the harmful organism.	Present: pest found present but eradicated
5 Finding, sampling, testing and confirmation of the harmful organism	
5.1 How the presence or appearance of the harmful organism was found.	Information submitted by professional operators, laboratories or other persons.
5.2 Date of finding:	12-06-2023
5.3 Sampling for laboratory analysis.	Date of sampling: 22-06-2023
5.4 Name and address of the Laboratory	Landwirtschaftskammer Nordrhein-Westfalen Pflanzenschutzdienst Gartenstraße 11 50765 Köln-Auweiler Germany
5.5 Diagnostic method	According to peer reviewed protocols PM 7/146 (2) – Tomato brown rugose fruit virus
5.6 Date of official confirmation of the harmful organism's identity.	17-07-2023
6 Infested area, and the severity and source of the outbreak in that area	
6.1 Size and delimitation of the infested area.	1.35 ha
6.2 Characteristics of the infested area and its vicinity.	Physically closed conditions: greenhouse Plant already planted, not to be reproduced or moved
6.3 Host plants in the infested area and its vicinity	<i>Solanum lycopersicum</i>
6.4 Infested plant(s), plant product(s) and other object(s).	<i>Solanum lycopersicum</i> (10000 pce) The plants were used for tomato fruit production.
6.5 Severity of the outbreak	The plants in the greenhouse are already infested to a large extent.
6.6 Source of the outbreak	The source of the outbreak cannot be clarified precisely.

7 Official phytosanitary measures	
7.1 Adoption of official phytosanitary measures.	<p>Official phytosanitary measures have been taken. Those measures are taken inside the demarcated area.</p> <p>Hygiene measures were carried out to effectively prevent the virus from spreading by employees, tools, machines, means of transport and during packaging. After the end of the tomato production the greenhouse were cleaned of all tomato plants, the whole plant material was destroyed. Disinfection of all greenhouse surfaces and all objects that were involved in tomato production including the materials that were used in the clearance.</p>
7.2 Date of adoption of the official phytosanitary measures.	22-06-2023
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.	No
8 Pest risk analysis/assessment	<p>Pest risk assessment is not required.</p> <p>Since 2025, ToBRFV is not classified as quarantine pest anymore but is regulated as RNQP.</p>