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Notification of the presence of a harmful organism (3155)

1 General information	
1.1 Title	Confirmed presence of <i>Popillia japonica</i> in Germany (Baden-Wuerttemberg)
1.2 Executive summary	On 8 th August 2025, a single male beetle of <i>Popillia japonica</i> was caught in a trap of the plant health service Baden-Wuerttemberg. The trap was placed close to a freight depot and a big parking lot for lorries. So far, no <i>P. japonica</i> had ever been caught at this location. According to the responsible plant protection service, there is currently no indication for an established population at this location. The responsible plant protection service considers the beetle to be a hitchhiker from outbreak areas in Northern Italy or Switzerland by train or lorry. Therefore, no demarcated area was established. An intensified survey will be carried out in the surroundings of 1.5 km around the finding. Additional 8 pheromone traps will be installed in a diameter of 1 km around the finding. They will be inspected weekly. Public awareness will be raised by a press release that informs about the recent finding.
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 Baden-Wuerttemberg
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 in 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.	Other: status under determination The beetle is regarded as a hitchhiker so far. Intensive surveys are ongoing.
4.3 Pest status in Germany before the official confirmation of the presence, or suspected presence, of the harmful organism.	Present: only in some parts of Germany, at low prevalence, under eradication A small population is suspected to exist in Freiburg (Baden-Wuerttemberg) after the discovery of 22 <i>Popillia japonica</i> beetles there.
4.4 Pest status in Germany after the official confirmation of the presence of the harmful organism.	Present: under eradication, only in some parts of Germany, at low prevalence
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 In August 2025, a male specimen of <i>Popillia japonica</i> was found in a trap. 8 traps are located in a radius of 1 km around the finding.
5.2 Date of finding:	08-08-2025
5.3 Sampling for laboratory analysis.	Date of sampling: 08-08-2025
5.4 Name and address of the Laboratory	Landwirtschaftliches Technologiezentrum Augustenberg (LTZ) – Referat 33 Neßlerstraße 25 76227 Karlsruhe Germany
5.5 Diagnostic method	According to peer reviewed protocols PM 7/74 (1) - <i>Popillia japonica</i> The gender was determined based on the tibia.
5.6 Date of official confirmation of the harmful organism's identity.	18-08-2025
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
6.2 Infested plant(s), plant product(s) and other object(s).	Object: trap (1 pce) The plant protection service set up the trap near the loading area for trucks at the freight station.
6.3 Severity of the outbreak.	One male beetle was caught in a trap close to the railroad line. There is currently no indication for an established

	population. The trap was installed in May 2025 and inspected every second week since then. At the same place there was a trap installed every year since 2021. This is the first finding at this location.
6.4 Source of the outbreak	The responsible plant protection service assumes that the beetle was introduced either by train or truck from infested areas in Italy or Switzerland.
7 Official phytosanitary measures	
7.1 Adoption of official phytosanitary measures.	<p>Official phytosanitary measures have been taken. No demarcated area established.</p> <p>An intensified survey will be carried out in the surroundings of 1.5 km around the finding. Additional 8 pheromone traps will be installed in a diameter of 1 km around the finding. They will be inspected weekly. Public awareness will be raised by a press release that informs about the recent finding.</p>
7.2 Objective of the official phytosanitary measures.	Eradication
7.3 Measures affecting the movement of goods.	Measures do not affect import into or movement within the Union of goods.
7.4 Specific surveys.	<p>Yes</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - installation of 8 additional traps in a radius of 1 km - survey activities will be intensified
8 Pest risk analysis/assessment	Pest risk analysis is not required (harmful organism is listed in Annex II B of Implementing Regulation (EU) 2019/2072.