

Notification of the presence of a harmful organism (3294) – update

Title:
Update on an outbreak of <i>Grapevine flavescence dorée phytoplasma</i> in Germany (Baden-Wuerttemberg)
Executive summary:
As part of the national surveys, samples of grapevine plants (<i>Vitis vinifera</i>) from a vine nursery were tested for <i>Grapevine flavescence dorée phytoplasma</i>. One of the samples was tested positive. As no vectors are present, it is assumed that the infestation originates from the starting plant material, either from the rootstock or from the scion. Tracing investigations are ongoing. All plants of either the same rootstock or scion have to be destroyed or undergo hot water treatment. Until then, movement of the plants is prohibited. Update July 2026: All plants of either the same rootstock or scion have undergone hot water treatment successfully before the growing season. Movement of the plants was allowed afterwards.
Pest status in Germany
Present: at low prevalence, under eradication, in specific parts of Germany, where host plants are grown
Adoption of official phytosanitary measures
Official phytosanitary measures will be taken. All plants of either the same rootstock or scion have to be destroyed or undergo hot water treatment. Until then, movement of the plants is prohibited. Update July 2026: Official phytosanitary measures have been taken. Those measures are taken inside the demarcated area. All plants of either the same rootstock or scion had undergone hot water treatment successfully before the growing season. Movement of the plants was allowed afterwards.