What is the procedure?

Contact Plant Protection Service and obtain advice

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Request for designation of the entity **as a quarantine facility**

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Designation as quarantine facility

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Application for import, movement, holding and multiplication

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Approval of the activities

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Issuing of the letter of authority (LoA) for import or movement

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Research/breeding work under quarantine conditions

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Regular inspections by the Plant Protection Service

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Completion of the research/breeding work

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Secure destruction or secure release of quarantine material, as appropriate, after approval

Information sources

For information on pests, plants and other specified material, contact your local Plant Protection Service. Contact persons can be found at h**ttps://pflanzengesundheit.julius-kuehn.de/en/**.

JKI leaflet: Research, breeding and testing with pests, plants and soil subject to quarantine. What should be complied with when importing, moving and working with specified material?

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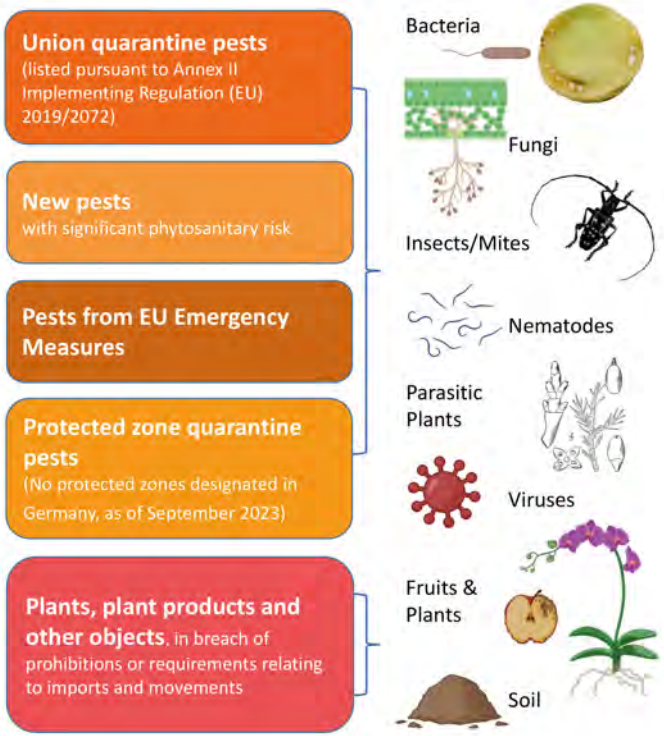
What should be complied with when importing, moving and working with specified material?

Phytosanitary risks

Legally regulated and new pests (quarantine pests) do not yet occur or are not widespread in the European Union and can cause fatal economic and environmental damage if they establish. Plants and other material such as soil, with which such pests can be introduced or spread, also pose a phytosanitary risk.

The introduction, movement, holding, multiplication and release of specified material with a phytosanitary risk is prohibited!

Specified material with phytosanitary risk:



Exceptions may be granted for research, testing and breeding.

(Article 8 and 48 of Regulation (EU) 2016/2031, Delegated Regulation (EU) 2019/829)

Work with specified material is only possible **in quarantine facilities** designated by and under the supervision of the competent Plant Protection Service and regularly inspected. These can be **confinement facilities** (non-official facilities such as universities, companies, private laboratories) or quarantine stations (official stations).

Requirements for quarantine facilities

- ✔ Physical isolation of the specified material and no possibility to remove it from the facility without authorisation
- ✔ No access for unauthorized persons
- ✔ Possibility of sterilisation, decontamination or destruction of infested objects
- ✔ Definition and description of the tasks of the facility and the personnel, as well as the conditions under which work is carried out
- ✔ Responsible person for the operations (surveillance, documentation, etc.)
- ✔ Sufficient number of personnel with adequate qualification, training and experience
- ✔ Contingency plan

For which activities can an exception be granted?

- Official tests
- Scientific work
- Educational purposes
- Trials
- Varietal selection or breeding

Import and movement

For the import or movement of specified material, the Plant Protection Service issues **an authorisation upon request, a so-called "Letter of Authority" (LoA)**. The specified material must be packaged in such a way as to prevent the escape of pests.

The letter of authority must accompany the consignment and should be attached to the outside of the packaging so that the document can be officially inspected without the need to open the consignment.

When importing from third countries, the consignment should be declared to the Plant Protection Service at the border inspection post. They control the letter of authority and safe packaging.

Release of specified material from quarantine facilities

Specified material may be released from quarantine facilities with a permit of the Plant Protection Service. The competent Plant Protection Service only grants permission for release if it is ensured that no regulated pests are released.