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Notification of the presence of a harmful organism – closing note

1 General information	
1.1 Title	Eradication of *Eotetranychus lewisi* in Germany (Rhineland-Palatinate)
1.2 Executive summary	In December 2020, an outbreak of *Eotetranychus lewisi* was found in a greenhouse of a producer of *Euphorbia pulcherrima* plants. The pest was found in trace back and forward investigations related to the outbreaks in Schleswig-Holstein. The young plants were delivered from the same origin in another Member State. Official eradication measures were taken. The infested plants were destroyed by burning. **The outbreak has been eradicated.**
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
2.2 Official contact:	Katrin Kaminski, Tel: +49(0)531 299 3378, outbreaks@julius-kuehn.de
3 Location	
3.1 Location	Rhineland-Palatinate
4 Reason of the notification and the pest status	
4.1 First finding in Germany or in the area	Confirmed presence of the pest in part of the the territory of Germany.
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.	Transient: actionable, under eradication
4.4 Pest status in Germany after the official confirmation of the presence of the harmful organism.	**Absent: Pest eradicated**
5 **Finding, sampling, testing and confirmation of the harmful organism**	
5.1 How the presence or appearance of the harmful organism was found.	Trace back and forward inspection related to the specific presence of the pest concerned.
5.2 Date of finding:	25-11-2020
5.3 Sampling for laboratory analysis.	25-11-2020
5.4 Name and address of the Laboratory	Landesamt für Ländliche Entwicklung, Landwirtschaft und Flurneuordnung Referat 43 – Saatenanerkennung, Phytopathologie Müllroser Chaussee 54 15326 Frankfurt (Oder) Germany
5.5 Diagnostic method	According to peer reviewed protocols.
5.6 Date of official confirmation of the harmful organism's identity.	09-12-2020
6 **Infested area, and the severity and source of the outbreak in that area**	
6.1 Characteristics of the infested area and its vicinity.	Physically closed conditions: greenhouse Plant to be (re)planted or reproduced.
6.2 Host plants in the infested area and its vicinity	*Euphorbia pulcherrima*
6.3 Infested plant(s), plant product(s) and other object(s).	*Euphorbia pulcherrima* (50000 pce)
6.4 Source of the outbreak	The outbreak was found in trace-back and forward investigations related to the outbreaks in Schleswig-Holstein. The young plants were delivered from the same origin in another Member State.
7 **Official phytosanitary measures**	
7.1 Adoption of official phytosanitary measures.	Official phytosanitary measures have been taken. No demarcated area established. All greenhouses with plants from the same delivered lot were blocked. After the confirmation of the pest all plants

	were destroyed by burning and the concerned greenhouses were disinfected.
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.	No
8 **Pest risk analysis/assessment**	Pest risk assessment is not required. Harmful organism is listed in Annex II A of Regulation (EU) 2019/2072.