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Notification of the presence of a harmful organism – closing note

1 General information	
1.1 Title	Eradication of *Phytophthora ramorum* in Germany (North Rhine-Westphalia)
1.2 Executive summary	In 2017, a landscape gardener notified a *Rhododendron* plant with symptoms in a private garden. The plant was tested positive for *Phytophthora ramorum* in the official laboratory. Eradication measures according to the Decision 2002/757/EC have been taken. **Update 2021: *P. ramorum* has been eradicated at this location.**
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	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 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: few occurrences

4.4 Pest status in Germany after the official confirmation of the presence of the harmful organism.	Present: few occurrences
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. Several symptomatic plants found by a landscape gardener during cultivation of a private garden. Plants were sent to the laboratory of the official plant protection service. *P. ramorum* has been found on at least one of the symptomatic plants.
5.2 Date of finding:	06-09-2017
5.3 Sampling for laboratory analysis.	Date of sampling: 11-08-17
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.
5.6 Date of official confirmation of the harmful organism's identity.	06-09-2017
6 **Infested area, and the severity and source of the outbreak in that area**	
6.1 Size and delimitation of the infested area.	200 m²
6.2 Characteristics of the infested area and its vicinity.	Open air – other: private garden Plant already planted, not to be reproduced or moved.
6.3 Host plants in the infested area and its vicinity	*Rhododendron*
6.4 Infested plant(s), plant product(s) and other object(s).	*Rhododendron* (1 pce)
6.5 Severity of the outbreak.	Only a low level of infestation was observed.
6.6 Source of the outbreak	Unknown
7 **Official phytosanitary measures**	
7.1 Adoption of official phytosanitary measures.	Official phytosanitary measures have been taken. Those measures were taken inside the demarcated area.

	The infested plant and all plants within a radius of 2 m were destroyed.
7.2 Date of adoption of the official phytosanitary measures.	26-10-2017
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.	Yes, as required by Decision 2002/757/EC
8 **Pest risk analysis/assessment**	Pest risk assessment is not required. Harmful organism is subject to measures referred to in the second subparagraph of Article 30(1) of Regulation (EU) 2016/2031).