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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, within the official survey for *Phytophthora ramorum* a *Rhododendron* pot plant with symptoms was found in a nursery. The plant was tested positive for *Phytophthora ramorum* in the official laboratory. Eradication measures according to the Decision 2002/757/EC have been taken. **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	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 part of the territory of 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.	Pest related official survey. *P. ramorum* was found during an official survey of a registered producer. Visual inspection of the whole production area. Plants were tested in the official laboratory of the plant protection service.
5.2 Date of finding:	17-07-2017
5.3 Sampling for laboratory analysis.	Date of sampling: 17-07-2017 Pot plant with symptoms was taken as a sample.
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.	27-07-2017
6 **Infested area, and the severity and source of the outbreak in that area**	
6.1 Size and delimitation of the infested area.	20 ha
6.2 Characteristics of the infested area and its vicinity.	Open air – production area, nursery Plant to be (re)planted or reproduced.
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 low level of infestation observed. Phytosanitary measures were taken for the whole production unit of 1 ha.
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 are taken inside the demarcated area.

	The production area (mineral granules saved with synthetic fabric) has been chemically disinfected. The infested plant and all plants within a radius of 2 m were destroyed. Regular visual inspections by the official plant health body were carried out.
7.2 Date of adoption of the official phytosanitary measures.	31-07-2017
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).