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# Notification of the presence of a harmful organism – closing note

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| **1 General information** | |
| 1.1 Title | Eradication of an outbreak of *Phytophthora ramorum* in Germany (Schleswig-Holstein) |
| 1.2 Executive summary | In 2017, a suspicious *Rhododendron* plant was found on a cemetery during the monitoring for *Phytophthora ramorum*. An official sample was taken and *Phytophthora ramorum* was identified. The area was visually inspected after the confirmation and further samples have been taken. Eradication measures were taken. The recent years surveys have been carried out.<br>**No infested plants have been found since the finding of one infested Rhododendron plant in 2017. Since 2021, European isolates of *P. ramorum* are not classified as quarantine pest anymore but are regulated as a Regulated Non-Quarantine Pest (RNQP). Therefore, no specific survey and phytosanitary measures are applied anymore.** |
| **2 Information concerning the single authority** | |
| 2.1 Notification from | Julius Kühn-Institut (JKI),<br>Institute for National and International Plant Health, Germany |
| **3 Location** | |
| 3.1 Location | In Schleswig-Holstein |
| **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 Germany, in which its presence was previously unknown. |
| 4.2 Pest status of the area where the harmful organism has been found present, after the official confirmation. | **Present: other, since the regulatory status of *Phytophthora ramorum* was changed from a quarantine pest to an RNQP, no specific survey has been carried out. As part of the general surveillance, symptoms of *P. ramorum* have not been noticed.** |

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| 4.3 Pest status in Germany before the official confirmation of the presence, or suspected presence, of the harmful organism. | Present: other, few occurrences |
| 4.4 Pest status in Germany after the official confirmation of the presence of the harmful organism. | Present: other, 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 |
| 5.2 Date of finding: | 25-08-2017 |
| 5.3 Sampling for laboratory analysis. | Date of sampling: 25-08-2017 |
| 5.4 Name and address of the Laboratory | Landwirtschaftskammer Schleswig-Holstein – Pflanzenbau, Pflanzenschutz, Umwelt Diagnose-Labor<br>Westring 383<br>24118 Kiel<br>Germany |
| 5.5 Diagnostic method | According to peer reviewed protocols PM 7/100 (1) - Rep-PCR tests for the identification of bacteria |
| 5.6 Date of official confirmation of the harmful organism's identity. | 29-08-2017 |
| **6 Infested area, and the severity and source of the outbreak in that area** | |
| 6.1 Characteristics of the infested area and its vicinity. | Open air – other: public sites<br>Plant for planting |
| 6.2 Host plants in the infested area and its vicinity | *Rhododendron* sp. |
| 6.3 Infested plant(s), plant product(s) and other object(s). | *Rhododendron* sp. (1 pce) |
| 6.4 Severity of the outbreak. | **Firstly, only one *Rhododendron* plant showed symptoms of the disease on branches and leaves. But later symptoms were also found on other plants and samples have been taken. No other infested plant was detected.** |
| 6.5 Source of the outbreak | The pathway of *Phytophthora ramorum* into this cemetery is unknown. |

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| **7 Official phytosanitary measures** | |
| 7.1 Adoption of official phytosanitary measures. | Official phytosanitary measures have been taken.<br>**The plant was destroyed. The area was put under surveillance. Symptoms were found on other plants and samples have been taken. No other infested plant was detected.** |
| 7.2 Date of adoption of the official phytosanitary measures. | 29-08-2017 |
| 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, regular visual inspections including sampling.<br>**Since 2021, European isolates of *P. ramorum* are not classified as quarantine pest anymore but are regulated as RNQP. Therefore, no specific survey and phytosanitary measures are applied anymore.** |
| **8 Pest risk analysis/assessment** | Pest risk assessment is not required.<br>**Since 2021, European isolates of *P. ramorum* are not classified as quarantine pest anymore but are regulated as RNQP.** |