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Notification of the presence of a harmful organism (2802)

1	**General information**	
1.1	Title	Confirmed finding of *Popillia japonica* in Germany (Bavaria)
1.2	Executive summary	In August 2024, a male beetle of *Popillia japonica* was found in a trap in Bavaria, 200 m from the Austrian border. The beetle was caught in a pheromone trap installed during the national survey in Germany. The trap is located near the motorway A93, which is an important transit route. Therefore, it is presumed that the beetle arrived as a hitchhiker from Italy or Switzerland to Germany. No indication of an established population could be found so far. Further traps will be installed in a radius of 1000 m around the trap and visual surveys will be intensified in the region.
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
3	**Location**	
3.1	Location	in Bavaria
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 its presence was previously unknown.
4.2	Pest status of the area where the harmful organism has been found present, after the official confirmation.	Absent: no established population
4.3	Pest status in Germany before the official confirmation of the presence, or suspected presence, of the harmful organism.	Absent: intercepted only

4.4 Pest status in Germany after the official confirmation of the presence of the harmful organism.	Absent: intercepted only
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. The pheromone trap was checked every 14 days. On the 22th of August, one beetle (male) was found in the trap. The pheromone trap is located on a rest stop close to the motorway A93, an important transit route through Austria to Italy and Switzerland. Therefore, it is presumed that the beetle is most likely a hitchhiker.
5.2 Date of finding:	22-08-2024
5.3 Sampling for laboratory analysis.	Date of sampling: 22-08-2024
5.4 Name and address of the Laboratory	Bayrische Landesanstalt für Landwirtschaft (LfL) – Institut für Pflanzenschutz Lange Point 10 85354 Freising Germany
5.5 Diagnostic method	According to peer reviewed protocols PM 7/74 (1) - *Popillia japonica* Morphological identification. The gender was determined based on the tibia.
5.6 Date of official confirmation of the pest.	23-08-2024
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
6.2 Infested plant(s), plant product(s) and other object(s).	Object: trap (1 pce)
6.3 Severity of the outbreak.	One dead beetle (male) was found in a trap. There is currently no indication for an established population.
6.4 Source of the outbreak	It can be assumed, that the beetle is a hitchhiker because of the location of the trap near to the A93.
7 Official phytosanitary measures	
7.1 Adoption of official phytosanitary measures.	No official phytosanitary measures. No demarcated area was established because the plant protection service of Bavaria presumes that the beetle

	arrived with means of transportation from outbreak areas from Italy or Switzerland. An intensified survey including further traps and visual inspections will be carried out.
7.2 Date of adoption of the official phytosanitary measures:	28-08-2024
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.	Yes, intensive surveys are carried out in a radius of 1 km around the trap. For this purpose, additional traps will be set up.
8 **Pest risk analysis/assessment**	Pest risk analysis is not required (harmful organism is listed in Annex II B of Implementing Regulation (EU) 2019/2072.