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Notification of the presence of a harmful organism (3117)

1 General information	
1.1 Title	Confirmed presence of *Popillia japonica* in Germany (Brandenburg)
1.2 Executive summary	In 2025, one male *Popillia japonica* beetle was caught in a trap in Brandenburg. The trap was set in a nursery where two traps were already placed in 2024. The beetle is most probably a hitchhiker. There is no indication for an established population. Intensive surveys are carried out.
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 Brandenburg
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 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: other, no established population
4.3 Pest status in Germany before the official confirmation of the presence, or suspected presence, of the harmful organism.	Other: status under determination
4.4 Pest status in Germany after the official confirmation of the presence of the harmful organism.	Other: status under determination Due to the detection of *P. japonica* in Basel, Switzerland close to the border with Germany, the infested zone and the buffer zone extend into Germany. Therefore, a corresponding demarcated area has been designated.

	However, no *Popillia* has been found so far in this demarcated area in Germany.
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 beetle was caught in the national survey program. On 3rd June 2025, the traps were set in the nursery and checked fortnightly. The lure "Trece Pherocon" was used. 2 traps were placed in the nursery in 2024 and 2025 for the survey.
5.2 Date of finding:	17-07-2025
5.3 Sampling for laboratory analysis	Date of sampling: 15-07-2025 The beetle was put in ethanol and sent for identification to the laboratory.
5.4 Name and address of the Laboratory	Landesamt für Ländliche Entwicklung, Landwirtschaft und Flurneuordnung (LELF) Referat 43 Saatenanerkennung, Phytopathologie Steinplatz 1 15806 Zossen Germany
5.5 Diagnostic method	According to peer reviewed protocols PM 7/74 (1) – *Popillia japonica*
5.6 Date of official confirmation of the pest.	23-07-2025
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 – production area: nursery
6.2 Infested plant(s), plant product(s) and other object(s).	Object: trap (1 pce) 2 traps were set in the nursery and one beetle was caught in one of these traps.
6.3 Severity of the outbreak.	There is no indication for an established population. It is currently presumed that the beetle is a hitchhiker that has been introduced with a truck arriving from Italy. There were no further findings since 15th July 2025 when the beetle was found. After the finding, 5 more traps were set in the nursery. Further investigations are ongoing.
6.4 Source of the outbreak	The nursery receives consignments from non-demarcated areas in Italy. However, the trucks pass the demarcated

	areas and therefore, it is currently presumed that the individual male beetle is a hitchhiker.
7 Official phytosanitary measures	
7.1 Adoption of official phytosanitary measures.	Official phytosanitary measures have been taken. No demarcated area was established. The following measures are implemented: - 5 further traps were placed in the nursery (a total of 7 traps now). - provisional movement ban of soil and plants for planting in soil - trace back and forward activities - visual inspections in the nursery in a radius of 500 m
7.2 Date of adoption of the official phytosanitary measures	17-07-2025
7.3 Objective of the official phytosanitary measures.	Eradication
7.4 Measures affecting the movement of goods	Measures affect import into or movement within the Union of goods. A provisional movement ban of soil and plants for planting in soil has been implemented for the concerned nursery.
7.5 Specific surveys	Yes, further surveys with traps are carried out until the end of the flight season and the plants are visually inspected for symptoms and adults.
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.