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Notification of the presence of a harmful organism (3024) – update

Title:
Update on a finding of *Popillia japonica* in Germany (Baden-Wuerttemberg)
Executive summary:
This is a notification of a demarcated area for *Popillia japonica* due to the detection of the pest in Switzerland (EUROPHYT no. 2620) close to the border with Germany. Therefore, the infested zone and the buffer zone also extend to German territory although no *Popillia japonica* has been detected so far in the concerned German part of the demarcated area. Update August 2025: In July 2025, 2 individual beetles were caught in 2 different traps in the buffer zone: 1 male beetle close to a freight station and lorry parking area, and 1 male beetle close to a car park of a big hotel. The responsible plant protection service considers both beetles to be hitchhikers. 20 more traps were set close to the findings but so far, no further beetles have been caught there. For this reason, no infested area has been demarcated. All measures for the buffer zone were already in force there, including the prohibition of disposing untreated green waste and soil outside the demarcated area. **Update July 2026: On July 10th 2026 one male beetle was trapped in the buffer zone of the demarcated area close to a freight station. The official confirmation was on 15th of July 2026. So far, the beetle is considered to be a hitchhiker. In the 24 other traps close to the finding no beetles where caught. The competent authority decided not to demarcate a new infested zone.**
Pest status in Germany
Present: at low prevalence, only in some parts of Germany, under eradication A small population is suspected to exist in Freiburg (Baden-Wuerttemberg) after the discovery of 22 *Popillia japonica* beetles there.
Adoption of official phytosanitary measures
Official phytosanitary measures, other than chemical, biological, or physical treatment have been taken. Those measures are taken inside the demarcated area. - prohibition of the movement of untreated green waste and soil,

- plants for planting may only be moved from the zone under certain conditions and under the supervision of the authority.