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Notification of the presence of a harmful organism (3155) – update

Title:
Update on a finding of *Popillia japonica* in Germany (Baden-Wuerttemberg)
Executive summary:
On 8th August 2025, a single male beetle of *Popillia japonica* was caught in a trap of the plant health service Baden-Wuerttemberg. The trap was placed close to a freight depot and a big parking lot for lorries. So far, no *P. japonica* had ever been caught at this location. According to the responsible plant protection service, there is currently no indication for an established population at this location. The responsible plant protection service considers the beetle to be a hitchhiker from outbreak areas in Northern Italy or Switzerland by train or lorry. Therefore, no demarcated area was established. An intensified survey will be carried out in the surroundings of 1.5 km around the finding. Additional 8 pheromone traps will be installed in a diameter of 1 km around the finding. They will be inspected weekly. Public awareness will be raised by a press release that informs about the recent finding. Update July 2026: One single female beetle was caught in a trap near the freight station on 3rd of July 2026. The trap is placed near the trap of the finding of 2025. Since May 2026 10 traps are installed in a radius of 1 km around the finding of 2025. The competent authority considers the beetle to be a hitchhiker. All traps will be inspected weekly and an intensified survey will be carried out. **Update August 2026: Again, one single female beetle was caught in another trap near the freight station on 30 July 2026. The trap is located near the trap of the finding of July 2026. Three additional traps were installed in the surrounding. The competent authority considers the beetle to be a hitchhiker. All traps will be inspected weekly and an intensified survey will be carried out.**
Pest status in Germany
Present: under eradication, only in some parts of Germany, at low prevalence
Adoption of official phytosanitary measures
Official phytosanitary measures have been taken. No demarcated area established. An intensified survey was be carried out in the surroundings of 1.5 km around the finding. Additional 8 pheromone traps will be installed in a diameter of 1 km around the finding. They were inspected weekly. Public awareness was raised by a press release that informs about the recent finding.

Update July 2026: After the finding the 10 traps in the surrounding are checked weekly and an intensified survey is carried out.