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# Notification of the presence of a harmful organism (3575)

| **Title:** |
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| Confirmed finding of *Popillia japonica* in Germany (Baden-Wuerttemberg) |
| **Executive summary:** |
| During surveys conducted by the plant protection service of Baden-Wuerttemberg one male and one female Japanese beetle (*Popillia japonica*) were caught at the same time in a pheromone trap on the highway service station Humbrechts (A96) on 12th August 2026. Coming from south of Europe it is the first highway station in Germany at the A96.<br><br>9 additional traps will be set up in a radius of 1 km of the discovery site. Until now no other beetles were trapped. The traps will be checked weekly. Unless no further beetles are captured, the plant protection service assumes they were hitchhikers.<br><br>In 2026, the surveys will continue until the end of September. |
| **Pest status in Germany** |
| Present: under eradication, at low prevalence, only in some parts of Germany |
| **Adoption of official phytosanitary measures** |
| Official phytosanitary measures have been taken. No demarcated area established.<br><br>Due to the fact that the trap was installed at this location every year since 2021 and there were no findings before, the plant protection service assumes that the beetles arrived as hitchhikers. In 2026, the trap was installed at the end of May 2026, and only one male and one female beetle were caught in the same trap at the same day. Intensified surveys are ongoing and 9 more traps were installed in a radius of 1 km around the finding. |