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Notification of the presence of a harmful organism

1 General information	
1.1 Title	First finding of *Popillia japonica* in Germany (Baden-Wuerttemberg)
1.2 Executive summary	In 2021, a single male beetle was caught at the end of the survey season in a trap close to a railroad line in Baden-Wuerttemberg, which runs in north-south direction. There is currently no indication for an established population at this location. The *Popillia japonica* beetle is presumed to have come from outbreak areas in other Member States by train as a hitchhiker. Therefore, no demarcated area has been established. An intensified survey will be carried out next year.
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
2.2 Official contact:	Katrin Kaminski, Tel: +49(0)531 299 3378, outbreaks@julius-kuehn.de
3 Location	
3.1 Location	In Baden-Wuerttemberg
4 Reason of the notification and the pest status	
4.1 First finding in Germany or in the area	First confirmed presence of the pest in Germany.
4.2 Pest status of the area where the harmful organism has been found present, after the official confirmation.	Absent: Pest found present but no longer present for reasons other than eradication Only one specimen was caught in a trap close to a railroad line and there is no indication for an established population.

4.3 Pest status in Germany before the official confirmation of the presence, or suspected presence, of the harmful organism.	Absent: Pest records unreliable
4.4 Pest status in Germany after the official confirmation of the presence of the harmful organism.	Absent: Pest no longer present for reasons other than eradication Only one specimen was caught in a trap close to a railroad line and there is no indication for an established population.
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
5.2 Date of finding:	12-11-2021
5.3 Sampling for laboratory analysis.	12-11-2021 The beetle was caught between 14th September and 12th November 2021 and was found during the inspection of the trap.
5.4 Name and address of the Laboratory	Landwirtschaftliches Technologiezentrum Augustenberg (LTZ) – Referat 33 Neßlerstraße 25 76227 Karlsruhe Germany
5.5 Diagnostic method	According to peer reviewed protocols PM 7/74 (1) – *Popillia japonica* and morphological identification
5.6 Date of official confirmation of the harmful organism's identity.	17-11-2021
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 The plant protection service placed the trap next to the railroad line.
6.3 Severity of the outbreak.	Only one specimen caught in a trap close to a railroad line. There is currently no indication for an established population.
6.4 Source of the outbreak	The beetle is presumed to have come from outbreak areas in other Member States by train as a hitchhiker.

7	**Official phytosanitary measures**	
7.1	Adoption of official phytosanitary measures.	No official phytosanitary measures have been taken and no demarcated area was established. An intensified survey will be carried out next year.
7.2	Specific surveys.	Yes, in the following years the survey will be intensified.
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.