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#### 2010/095 Diabrotica virgifera virgifera eradicated from Belgium

On 2010-04-30, the NPPO of Belgium officially declared the eradication of *Diabrotica virgifera virgifera* (Coleoptera: Chrysomelidae - EPPO A2 List), after 3 consecutive years of negative survey results. Control measures applied in Belgium were taken in accordance with the EU Commission Decision 2003/766/EC of 24 October 2003 on emergency measures to prevent the spread within the Community of *Diabrotica virgifera* Le Conte.

*D. virgifera virgifera* was found for the first time in Belgium in 2003 (EPPO RS 2003/143) near the Brussels airport 'Zaventem' and the military airport 'Melsbroek'. In total 69 beetles were captured in 2003 in 23 traps on 17 maize plots. Three focus zones and one surrounding safety zone were delimited in 2003. In 2004, two additional focus zones were demarcated and the safety zone had to be enlarged. In total 7 beetles were captured in 2003 and 4 of them were cultivated in monoculture. No captures were made in 2005. Because several beetles were captured in 2005 in the Netherlands next to the border with Belgium, a part of the safety zone related to this outbreak in the Netherlands was demarcated in Belgium (an area of intensive maize monoculture). In 2006, a total of 691 pheromone traps (PALs) with floral bait were deployed (361 for the national survey, 289 in demarcated areas and 41 in buffer zones). The national survey was carried out from the 1<sup>st</sup> of July until the 1<sup>st</sup> of October. The traps were inspected once a fortnight and pheromone was replaced once every 4 weeks. No beetles were captured in 2006 and the NPPO of Belgium considered that the 2004 outbreaks were eradicated.

In 2007, only one demarcated area remained at the border with the Netherlands. A total of 512 pheromone traps with floral bait were deployed from 1st July to 1st October (416 for the national survey and 96 in the demarcated area). There were no findings in 2007.

In 2008, a total of 467 pheromone traps were deployed from 1st July to 1st October in areas at risk. Since the last outbreak of *D. virgifera virgifera* dated from 2004 in Belgium and from 2005 in the Netherlands close to the border, there were no demarcated focus and safety zones left. Nevertheless, a reinforced monitoring of the former demarcated zones in Zaventem and Limburg was included in the national survey. Traps of the type PALs with floral bait and of the type PAL with sex pheromones were used. As in the previous monitoring campaigns, the traps were inspected once a fortnight, and pheromone was replaced once every 4 weeks. For the third consecutive year, there were no findings in 2008.

In 2009, monitoring continued and a total of 423 pheromone traps were deployed in the areas at risk as well as in the former demarcated zones. No beetles were captured. A similar monitoring programme is planned in 2010. In case new findings occur in the future, an emergency plan was drawn up to ensure a quick and adequate reaction to achieve total eradication again.

The pest status of *Diabrotica virgifera virgifera* in Belgium is officially declared as: Absent: pest eradicated.

Source: NPPO of Belgium, 2010-04.

Agence fédérale pour la sécurité de la chaîne alimentaire (AFSCA) <u>http://www.afsca.be/sp/pv\_phyto/chry-mais\_fr.asp</u> (only in French/Dutch)

Additional key words: absence, eradication

Computer codes: DIABVI, BE

#### 2010/096 Eradication of Xanthomonas fragariae in the United Kingdom

Xanthomonas fragariae (EPPO A2 List) was detected for the first time in the United Kingdom in 2004. A grower in the South-East of England had contacted the NPPO in October 2004 after observing suspect symptoms in a strawberry crop (*Fragaria ananassa* cv. 'Elsanta') some weeks after harvest had finished. Plant samples were collected and were found to be infected by X. fragariae. Following this initial identification, further inspections of other crops at the infected farm were undertaken. These revealed infection in two additional fields on either side of the original Elsanta crop. Tracing-back studies showed that the infected plants had been imported from the Netherlands in May 2004. On arrival the infected lot of Elsanta had been split between 4 farms. The other 3 farms were located in the South-East of England, in South-West England and in Scotland. Crops on these farms were inspected for symptoms and samples were taken for testing. Symptoms of X. fragariae were observed at the second site in South-East England. No visual symptoms were observed in South-West England or Scotland, but following testing the presence of X. fragariae was suspected at the site in Scotland. The infected plants in Scotland were all destroyed voluntarily by the grower prior to completion of testing. There was no evidence of infection at the site in South-West England, further inspections and testing were carried out throughout 2005 but infection was not confirmed and the crop was destroyed at the end of its fruit bearing season in 2005. At both infected sites in South-East England, official control measures were taken. Growers did not destroy all plants immediately but chose to maintain their crops until harvest with strict hygiene measures to prevent any further spread. Strawberry crops grown on these farms continued to be monitored during the following growing seasons and X. fragariae was no longer found. It is considered that X. fragariae has been eradicated from the United Kingdom.

The situation of *Xanthomonas fragariae* in the United Kingdom can be described as follows: Absent, detected for the first time in 2004 in 3 productions sites (2 in South-East England and 1 in Scotland), eradicated.

Source: Matthews-Berry SS, Reed PJ (2009) Eradication of the first outbreak of *Xanthomonas fragariae* in the United Kingdom. *Bulletin OEPP/EPPO Bulletin* 39(2), 171-174.

Additional key words: new record, eradication

Computer codes: XANTFR, GB

#### 2010/097 *Rhynchophorus ferrugineus* found again in Liguria, Italy

As reported in EPPO RS 2008/093, *Rhynchophorus ferrugineus* (Coleoptera: Curculionidae - EPPO A2 List) was found in August 2007 in Liguria, Northern Italy. The pest was caught in the municipality of Bordighera, in the province of Imperia. Another finding was reported in 2009 in the municipality of Albenga, in the province of Savona (RS 2009/209). During a recent survey, the regional PPO of Liguria found the pest in 2 palm trees in the municipality of Laigueglia (province of Savona) and Sanremo (province of Imperia), respectively.

Source: NPPO of Italy, 2010-03.

Additional key words: detailed record

Computer codes: RHYCFE, IT

#### 2010/098 Paysandisia archon found in Lazio region (IT)

In 2010, *Paysandisia archon* (Lepidoptera: Castniidae - EPPO A2 List) was found in the region of Lazio, Italy. The pest was discovered in a garden centre in the municipality of Albano Laziale (Roma province) on several plants of *Chamaerops* sp. showing symptoms of infestation. Surveys will be carried out by the regional PPO of Lazio to determine the extent of the infestation in order to decide on appropriate containment measures.

Source: NPPO of Italy, 2010-04.

Additional key words: detailed record

Computer codes: PAYSAR, IT

#### 2010/099 Ralstonia solanacearum detected in Sweden

The NPPO of Sweden recently informed the EPPO Secretariat that *Ralstonia solanacearum* (EPPO A2 List) was detected in 2 lots of ware potatoes (*Solanum tuberosum* cv. 'Lanorma') produced in Sweden in 2009. Samples taken from all other potato lots from the 2 places of production concerned were not infected by *R. solanacearum*. The identity of the bacterium was confirmed by using the test scheme of the EU Directive 2006/63/EC. These findings followed a notification from the Dutch NPPO which indicated a clonal link between seed potatoes delivered to Sweden and contaminations found in the Netherlands. It can be recalled that a few cases of *R. solanacearum* were reported more than 30 years ago in Sweden but were subsequently eradicated. Phytosanitary measures have been taken in accordance with the EU directive 98/57/EC to eradicate the disease.

The situation of *Ralstonia solanacearum* in Sweden can be described as follows: Transient, detected in 2 production sites, under eradication.

Source: NPPO of Sweden, 2010-03.

Additional key words: new record

Computer codes: PSDMSO, SE

#### 2010/100 Ralstonia solanacearum detected in the United Kingdom

In the United Kingdom, *Ralstonia solanacearum* (EPPO A2 List) was detected on ware potatoes (*Solanum tuberosum* cv. 'Lanorma') grown in 2009 in 1 production site in Cornwall (South-West of England). This finding followed a notification from the Dutch NPPO which indicated a clonal link between seed potatoes delivered to the United Kingdom and contaminations found in the Netherlands. Phytosanitary measures have been taken to eradicate the disease in the United Kingdom.

The pest status of *Ralstonia solanacearum* in the United Kingdom is officially declared as: Transient, actionable, under eradication.

Source: IPPC website, FAO. Official Pest Reports from the United Kingdom (2010-02-09) Potato brown rot outbreak. <u>https://www.ippc.int/index.php?id=122&tx\_pestreport\_pi1[showUid]=216919</u>

Additional key words: detailed record

Computer codes: PSDMSO, GB

#### 2010/101 Ralstonia solanacearum found on glasshouse tomatoes in Sardegna (IT)

A new outbreak of Ralstonia solanacearum (EPPO A2 List) was detected in 2009 in a glasshouse tomato crop (Lycopersicon esculentum cv. 'Cuore di bue' grafted on Beaufort) in Sardegna, Italy. Surveys were conducted in 4 glasshouses (called As-1, As-2, As-3 and As-4 in this study) where plants showing bacterial wilt symptoms were observed. The percentage of symptomatic plants ranged from 10% to 50%. In one of these glasshouses (As-1), R. solanacearum had been detected in 2007 (Loreti et al., 2008) and subsequently eradicated by uprooting and burning tomato plants, methyl bromide treatment and decontamination of stored water with a sodium chloride solution. Samples from plants, soil and water were collected from As-1 and As-2, whereas only plant samples were collected from As-3 and As-4. Results of the analysis (isolation on semi-selective media, biochemical and IF tests, inoculation of tobacco leaves) showed that *R. solanacearum* was only found in plant and soil samples collected from glasshouse As-2 (neighbouring glasshouse As-1), and phylotype characterization showed that all recovered isolates belonged to phylotype II. The authors considered that this new outbreak raised serious concerns because the causes underlying the introduction and dissemination of *R. solanacearum* in Sardegna are still unknown.

Source: Fiori M, Gallelli A, Fiori V, Ligios V, Loreti S (2009) A new outbreak of *Ralstonia* solanacearum on tomato in Sardinia. *Plant Pathology* 91(4 suppl.), S4.103.

Loreti S, Fiori, M, De Simone D, Falchi G, Gallelli A, Schiaffino A, Ena S (2008) Bacterial wilt, caused by *Ralstonia solanacearum*, on tomato in Italy. *Plant Pathology* 57(2), p. 368.

Additional key words: detailed record

Computer codes: PSDMSO, IT

#### 2010/102 Detection of *Ralstonia solanacearum* biovar 1 in Portugal

In Portugal, potato brown rot caused by *Ralstonia solanacearum* (EPPO A2 List) was considered to be rather widespread at the beginning of the 20<sup>th</sup> century but eradication measures subsequently lead to its disappearance. In the late 1990s, *R. solanacearum* race 3 biovar 2 reappeared in potato and tomato fields (including solanaceaous weeds), and it was also detected in surface water used for irrigation. In late May 2007, potato plants showing symptoms of brown rot were observed in several irrigated fields in the Baixo Mondego region (Central Portugal). Laboratory analysis (isolation on semi-selective medium, IF, PCR, sequencing, bioassays) confirmed the presence of *R. solanacearum* biovar 1 in potato samples. However, the bacterium was not detected in water samples collected from infected fields and their vicinity. This is the first time that *R. solanacearum* biovar 1 is reported from Portugal.

The origin is this outbreak is not known, although it is suspected that the bacterium may have been introduced with imports of latently infected potato seeds from abroad. The use of the same agricultural machinery by different farmers may then have played an important role in disseminating the bacterium to neighbouring potato fields. It was also noted that infected potato fields were located near ornamental and forest nurseries which might have been possible sources of contamination. Specific phytosanitary measures were taken to eradicate the disease. The situation of *Ralstonia solanacearum* in Portugal can be described as follows: Transient, biovar 1 strains detected in some potato fields (Baixo Mondego region), under eradication.

Source: Cruz L, Eloy M, Quirino F, Carrinho H (2008) *Ralstonia solanacearum* biovar 1 associated with a new outbreak of potato brown rot in Portugal. *Phytopathologia Mediterranea* 47(2), 87-91.

Additional key words: detailed record

Computer codes: PSDMSO, PT

#### 2010/103 Studies on Ralstonia solanacearum in Cameroon

Studies were conducted on Ralstonia solanacearum (EPPO A2 List) in Cameroon in 2005. 110 strains of R. solanacearum were recovered from wilted tomato (Lycopersicon esculentum), sweet and hot pepper (Capsicum annuum and C. chinense), potato (Solanum tuberosum), huckleberry (Solanum scabrum), Amaranthus spp. and sesame (Sesamum spp.) plants. Bacterial wilt is widely distributed in Cameroon, but results showed that disease incidence and severity were higher in the lowlands near Yaoundé and in the highlands near Bafoussam which are the main vegetable cropping areas of Cameroon. Out of these 110 strains, 44 representative strains were characterized according to the new phylotype classification system<sup>\*</sup>. Strains isolated from Cameroon clustered into phylotypes I (Asian), II (American) and III (African). Lowland tomato strains (regions with humid forests) belonged to phylotype I and were quite homogeneous. Strains belonging to phylotype II were more diverse but included race 3/biovar 2 strains (associated with potato brown rot and tomato wilt). Strains from potatoes growing in the highlands of West Cameroon (areas with a temperate climate) fell into both phylotype II (race 3/biovar 2) and phylotype III. It is felt that these strains attacking potato and tomato crops in temperate highlands could pose an economic threat throughout Central Africa. The EPPO Secretariat previously had no information on the situation of *R. solanacearum* in Cameroon.

The situation of *Ralstonia solanacearum* in Cameroon can be described as follows: Present, widespread.

Source:

Mahbou Somo Toukam G, Cellier G, Wicker E, Guilbaud C, Kahane R, Allen C, Prior P (2009) Broad diversity of *Ralstonia solanacearum* strains in Cameroon. *Plant Disease* 93(11), 1123-1130.

Additional key words: new record

Computer codes: PSDMSO, CM

<sup>\*</sup> New hierarchical classification scheme proposed by Fegan and Prior (2005) based on molecular characteristics (sequence analysis of ITS region, endoglucanase (*egl*) gene, and *hrpB* gene).

<sup>•</sup> Phylotype I: strains from Asia belonging to biovars 3, 4 and 5.

<sup>•</sup> Phylotype II: strains from America belonging to biovar 1/race 1, biovar 1/race 2 (Moko disease), biovar 2/race 3 (that includes potato and tomato strains found in temperate areas), biovar 2T.

<sup>•</sup> Phylotype III: strains from Africa and the Indian Ocean belonging to biovars 1 and 2T.

<sup>•</sup> Phylotype IV: strains from Indonesia, some strains from Japan and Australia belonging to biovars 1, 2, and 2T.

Fegan M, Prior P (2005) How complex is the Ralstonia solanacearum species complex? In C Allen, P Prior and AC Hayward (Ed.) *Bacterial wilt disease and the Ralstonia solanacearum species complex*. APS Press (US), pp 449-461.

#### 2010/104 Situation of *Ralstonia solanacearum* in Guatemala

The diversity and distribution of *Ralstonia solanacearum* (EPPO A2 List) strains was studied in Guatemala. In 2004 and 2005, 59 strains were isolated from different regions and from different crops: banana (*Musa* spp.), solanaceous plants (*Lycopersicon esculentum*, *Solanum americanum*, *S. melongena*, *S. tuberosum*), and *Pelargonium*. These isolates were characterized using physiological and molecular tests to place the strains within the biovar and the phylotype/sequevar classification systems. Results showed that three distinct types of *R. solanacearum* were present in Guatemala:

1) phylotype I, sequevar 14, strains infecting *S. americanum*, tomatoes and aubergines in areas located at moderate elevations (100-1000 m altitude);

2) phylotype II, sequevar 6 (race 2), strains causing Moko disease in lowland banana plantations (departments of Escuintla, Izabal, Quetzaltenango, and San Marcos);

3) phylotype II, sequevar 1 (race 3 biovar 2), strains causing brown rot of potatoes, Southern wilt of *Pelargonium* (1 sample from Guatemala province) and bacterial wilt of glasshouse tomatoes at high elevations. On tomatoes, *R. solanacearum* was detected in samples from Chiquimula, and Guatemala provinces. It is noted that tomato growers had noticed that tomato wilt was becoming a problem during the last decade in the highlands. On potatoes, *R. solanacearum* was found in the provinces of Baja Verapaz, Chimaltenango, Jalapa, Quetazltenango, and Sololá.

This study confirms that *R. solanacearum* occurs in Guatemala and is causing problems in banana, tomato and potato cultivation.

Another aspect of this study was to determine if tomato fruits from naturally infected plants contained detectable bacteria and could disseminate *R. solanacearum*. So far, the bacterium has been isolated only from roots, stems, tubers and leaves of infected plants. A sensitive enrichment method (using CIPEB medium) did not detect the pathogen in fruits from naturally infected commercial tomato plants but could detect *R. solanacearum* in 6% of fruits from a wilt-resistant experimental hybrid. Despite the rareness of fruits containing the bacterium, it is noted that these results indicate that the pathogen is able to move from the vascular system of the plant to the fruit under some circumstances which remain to be explained.

Source: Sanchez Perez A, Mejia L, Fegan M, Allen C (2008) Diversity and distribution of *Ralstonia solanacearum* strains in Guatemala and rare occurrence of tomato fruit infection. *Plant Pathology* 57(2), 320-331.

Additional key words: detailed record

Computer codes: PSDMSO, GT

#### 2010/105 Clavibacter michiganensis subsp. sepedonicus found in Turkey

During the 2007 survey on seed potatoes in Turkey, 336 tuber samples from the Kayseri province (Central Anatolian region) were tested for the presence of ring rot (*Clavibacter michiganensis* subsp. *sepedonicus*) and brown rot (*Ralstonia solanacearum* - both EPPO A2 List). As a result, 3 samples were found to be infected by *C. michiganensis* subsp. *sepedonicus*. It is recalled that during an intensive survey carried out in 1988-1989, potato-growing areas of Turkey were found free from ring rot. According to the authors, this is the first record of *C. michiganensis* subsp. *sepedonicus* in Turkey. Strict control measures have been taken in contaminated and potentially contaminated fields.

The situation of *Clavibacter michiganensis* subsp. *sepedonicus* in Turkey can be described as follows: Present, first detected in 2007 in a small number of potato samples collected from the Kayseri province (Central Anatolia), under official control.

Source: Altundağ Ş, Karahan A, Kılıç AO, Özakman M (2009) First report of *Clavibacter michiganensis* subsp. *sepedonicus* causing bacterial ring rot in Turkey. *Plant Pathology* 58(4), p 794.

Additional key words: new record

Computer codes: CORBSE, TR

#### 2010/106 *Diaphania perspectalis* continues to spread in Europe

*Diaphania perspectalis* (Lepidoptera: Pyralidae - EPPO Alert List) is a pest of *Buxus* originating from Asia which was reported for the first time in Europe in 2007. It was discovered in Baden-Württemberg, Germany (EPPO RS 2007/215). Since this initial record, *D. perspectalis* has been observed in other European countries, sometimes causing severe defoliation to *Buxus* plants in urban environments (parks, gardens, cemeteries). So far, it has not been found in natural stands of *Buxus*. The origin of this introduction into Europe remains unknown but it is hypothetized that a possible entry point was the Rhine port in Weil-am-Rhein (Germany) and nearby Basel (Switzerland) where large shipments of Chinese imports are arriving regularly.

#### Germany

*D. perspectalis* was first noticed on *Buxus* shrubs and hedges in the urban area of Weil-am-Rhein. The widespread occurrence in Weil-am-Rhein already observed in 2007 suggested that the species has been present there probably 2-3 years before its detection. *D. perspectalis* was then found in the city of Kehl and its surroundings. In 2008 and 2009, further reports were made in Nordrhein-Westphalen, Niedersachsen, Hessen (south) and Sachsen. A small infestation was also detected in Bayern in 2008 but data is lacking on the current situation in this area.

#### Switzerland

*D. perspectalis* was first found in summer 2007 at several locations near Basel. Since then, it has rapidly spread to other cantons. Several reports from Aargau, Graubünden, Jura, Solothurn, Thurgau, Vaud, Zürich and Zug have been sent to an Internet forum (Lepiforum) and some of them may require further confirmation. It is considered that such a rapid spread surpasses the flight ability of the insect and can only be explained by trade or movements of infested plants.

#### France

*D. perspectalis* was observed for the first time in France in August 2008. Adults were observed, attracted by street lights, in the city of Saint-Louis (department of Haut-Rhin, Alsace), approximately 4 km away from the area (Weil-am-Rhein) where it was discovered in Germany. At that time, damage to *Buxus* plants could also be observed. In October 2008, the pest was found in Strasbourg (Bas-Rhin, close to the outbreak of Kehl in Germany), first in the 'Parc de l'Orangerie' and shortly after in the Strasbourg Botanical Garden on *Buxus sempervirens* and *B. colchica* (new host record). Since then, several other findings have been made in Alsace. In August 2009, the pest was observed in private gardens in Orsay (Essonne department, Ile-de-France region).

Netherlands

In September 2008, the NPPO of the Netherlands reported the presence of *D. perspectalis* at 4 different locations (RS 2008/197). So far, no serious damage has been reported from the Netherlands.

#### United Kingdom

In September 2008, 3 adult moths were found in 2 separate locations in the south of England. Insects were caught in light traps at Icklesham (East Sussex) and Weybridge (Surrey). In 2009, a nursery in Surrey found larvae causing severe damage to *Buxus* plants. The origin of the introduction of *D. perspectalis* into the United Kingdom is not known.

#### Austria

The presence of the pest in Austria was reported in 2009 to Lepiforum and again in 2010. *D. perspectalis* has been observed in different localities in Vorarlberg, Steiermark, and in Vienna. These records may require further confirmation (as no other source of information could be found to confirm the pest presence) but they strongly suggest that *D. perspectalis* occurs in Austria.

Source: Billen W (2007) [*Diaphania perspectalis* (Lepidoptera: Pyrallidae) - a new moth in Europe]. *Mitteilungen der Entomologischen Gesellschaft Basel* 57(2/4), 135-137 (abst.).

INTERNET (last accessed in 2010-05)

- Fera. Plant pest fact sheet. Box tree caterpillar *Diaphania perspectalis*. <u>http://www.fera.defra.gov.uk/plants/plantHealth/pestsDiseases/documents/box</u> <u>TreeCaterpillar.pdf</u>
- Lepiforum. *Neoglyphodes perspectalis* (Walker, 1859) Buchsbaum-Zünsler. <u>http://www.lepiforum.de/cgi-bin/lepiwiki.pl?Neoglyphodes\_Perspectalis</u>
- Société Alsacienne d'Entomologie. Société Entomologique de Mulhouse. Brua C. (undated) La pyrale du buis *Diaphania perspectalis* présence d'une nouvelle espèce envahissante en France.
- http://sites.estvideo.net/sae/pyrale\_du\_buis.html
- University of Basel. Department of Environmental Sciences. Conservation Biology. Media Release (2009-10-14) Wiederholte Einführung des Buchsbaumzünslers beschleunigt seine Ausbreitung. http://www.conservation.unibas.ch/news/buchsbaum/medien2.php?lang=de

Additional key words: new record, detailed record

Computer codes: DPHNPE, AT, CH, DE, FR, GB, NL

#### 2010/107 *Chrysophtharta bimaculata*: addition to the EPPO Alert List

The addition of *Chrysophtharta bimaculata* (Coleoptera: Chrysomelidae) to the EPPO Alert List has been suggested by the EPPO Panel on Phytosanitary Measures.

Chrysophtharta bimaculata (Coleoptera: Chrysomelidae) - Tasmanian eucalyptus leaf beetle

Why The EPPO Panel on Phytosanitary Measures suggested that *Chrysophtharta bimaculata* could be added to the EPPO Alert List. This insect is a serious defoliator of eucalyptus plantations in Tasmania (Australia). In particular, it was noted that this pest was intercepted 4 times in 2004 by the United Kingdom on tree ferns (*Dicksonia antarctica*) imported from Australia, these plants are not hosts but could transport the pest (hitchhiking).

Where EPPO region: Absent. Oceania: Australia (Tasmania, Victoria). C. bimaculata is considered as a major pest in Tasmania but apparently, no economic damage has been reported from Victoria. On which plants Eucalyptus spp., mainly E. regnans, E. obligua, E. delegatensis, E. nitens but the pest has also been recorded on *E. dalrympleana* and *E. globulus*. Damage C. bimaculata is a defoliator of eucalyptus, both adults and larvae feed on foliage and heavy defoliation results in a characteristic 'broom-topped' appearance of the trees. Although mature eucalyptus can be attacked by C. bimaculata, young trees are particularly vulnerable to defoliation. Damage results in poor tree development, slow growth, and ultimately in a reduction of timber quantity and quality. Repetition of defoliation over several growing seasons can lead to tree dieback and even mortality in severe cases. It has been estimated that insect attacks reduced wood volume of *E. regnans* by almost 30% after 8 years of repeated defoliation. In Tasmania, it has become necessary to develop integrated pest management programmes against C. bimaculata in eucalyptus plantations. The main strategy is to allow natural enemies to act against the pest and only apply insecticides (e.g. synthetic pyrethroids or Bacillus thuringiensis var. tenebrionis) when necessary. Natural enemies, such as Cleobora mellyi and Harmonia *conformis* (Coleoptera: Coccinellidae), Chauliognathus Iugubris (Coleoptera: Cantharidae), Anagonia rufifacies and Paropsivora sp. (Diptera: Tachinidae) have been reported to limit populations of C. bimaculata in Tasmania. Adults of *C. bimaculata* are dome-shaped beetles of approximately 9 x 7 mm in size, with two black markings on the pronotum. The body colour is variable from dark red brown when they first emerge to pale green (in summer). C. bimaculata overwinters as diapausing adults in various shelters (e.g. under the bark of dead eucalyptus, bark crevices, clumps of herbaceous plants such as Gahnia grandis (Cyperaceae)). Egg-laying occur in 2 to 3 peaks: usually, one in late spring (end of November/December in Tasmania) and another in late summer (end of January/February). Eggs are laid in batches (rows of approximately 25 eggs) on the upper surface of the leaf. Larvae are dark green to black, and highly gregarious. There are 4 larval instars, the last stage reaching a length of 12-14 mm. Most damage is caused by older larvae (approximately 90% of food intake occurs during the 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> instars). Approximately 1 month after egg laying, larvae fall to the ground and form pre-pupal cells in leaf litter. Pupation occurs after 5 to 9 days, and adults emerge 12 to 15 days later. Pictures can be viewed on the Internet: http://www.ento.csiro.au/aicn/name\_s/b\_1026.htm http://eprints.utas.edu.au/224/2/02chapters1to3.pdf (page 8) Adults can fly but no data is available on the insect potential for natural spread. Transmission *Eucalyptus* plant material can disseminate the pest over long distances. The UK interceptions of C. maculata on Dicksonia antartica (non-host plant) imported from Australia show that hitchhiking is indeed a possible pathway. Plants for planting, cut foliage, wood of eucalyptus from Australia. The insect Pathway can also be transported as a hitchhiker on other plant species from Australia. Possible risks Eucalyptus are grown in the EPPO region for forestry, the paper industry and ornamental purposes (amenity trees and cut foliage). There are large plantations of eucalyptus (in particular E. globulus and E. camaldulensis) in Spain, Portugal and North Africa. C. bimaculata is a serious defoliator of eucalyptus plantations which can impact tree development and wood production. It could probably survive outdoors in parts of the EPPO region where eucalyptus are grown. A UK PRA has shown that C. bimaculata could establish outdoors in areas having a similar climate to Tasmania (e.g. temperate oceanic areas such as North-Western Spain, Western France). Interestingly, another defoliator Chrysophtharta agricola (formerly placed in the genus *Paropsis*) has recently emerged as a significant pest of eucalyptus in Tasmania and Victoria, coincident with an increase in E. nitens

	and <i>E. globulus</i> plantations. It seems desirable to avoid the introduction of such defoliators in the EPPO region.
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#### 2010/108 American plum line pattern virus detected again in Italy

The NPPO of Italy recently informed the EPPO Secretariat that the American plum line pattern virus (Ilarvirus, APLPV - EPPO A1 List) has been detected in the Piemonte region. During indexing studies carried out in spring 2009 on flowering cherry trees (Prunus serrulata), 2 symptomatic plants were noticed in the municipality of Verbania (province of Verbano-Cusio-Ossola). Laboratory analysis (ELISA and RT-PCR) confirmed the presence of APLPV. It can be recalled that APLPV had been detected on a small number of Prunus samples collected from Puglia and Sicilia, as well as from other Mediterranean countries (EPPO RS 2003/118).

EPPO note: more studies are needed to understand better the current situation of this North American virus in Europe and in particular to assess its impact on *Prunus* crops.

Source: NPPO of Italy, 2010-03.

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#### 2010/109 EPPO report on notifications of non-compliance

The EPPO Secretariat has gathered below the notifications of non-compliance for 2009 received since the previous report (EPPO RS 2010/088). Notifications have been sent to EPPO via Europhyt for the EU countries and Switzerland. The EPPO Secretariat has selected notifications of non-compliance made because of the detection of pests. Other notificates are not indicated. It must be pointed out that the report is only partial, as many EPPO countries have not yet sent their notifications. When a consignment has been re-exported and the country of origin is unknown, the re-exporting country is indicated in brackets. When the occurrence of a pest in a given country is not known to the EPPO Secretariat, this is indicated by an asterisk (\*).

Pest	Consignment	Type of commodity	Country of origin	Destination	nb
Anoplophora chinensis	Acer palmatum Cercis	Plants for planting Plants for planting	China China	Netherlands Cyprus	1 1
Bemisia tabaci	Acanthaceae Artemisia dracunculus Artemisia dracunculus Dipladenia Echinodorus Eryngium foetidum Eryngium foetidum, Eryngium foetidum, Ocimum sanctum Euphorbia pulcherrima	Plants for planting Plants for planting Vegetables Plants for planting Plants for planting Vegetables Vegetables Vegetables Plants for planting	Singapore Israel Israel Singapore Thailand Vietnam Thailand Denmark	United Kingdom United Kingdom United Kingdom United Kingdom France France France United Kingdom	1 1 3 1 22 4 3
	Euphorbia pulcherrima Euphorbia pulcherrima Euphorbia pulcherrima	Cuttings Plants for planting Plants for planting	Ethiopia Ethiopia Germany	Netherlands Sweden Ireland	1 1 3
	Euphorbia pulcherrima Euphorbia pulcherrima Euphorbia pulcherrima Euphorbia pulcherrima Gypsophila Hvorophila angustifolia	Plants for planting Cuttings Plants for planting Plants for planting Cut flowers Plants for planting	Kenya Kenya Netherlands Netherlands Israel Singapore	Sweden Sweden Ireland United Kingdom France United Kingdom	5 1 4 1 3 1 2
	Hygrophila salicifolia Hypericum Hypericum Limnophila Manihot esculenta	Plants for planting Cut flowers Cut flowers Vegetables Vegetables	Singapore Netherlands Zimbabwe Sri Lanka Congo	France United Kingdom Sweden France France	1 1 1 2 4
	Ocimum basilicum Ocimum basilicum Ocimum basilicum Ocimum basilicum Ocimum sanctum	Vegetables (leaves) Vegetables (leaves) Vegetables (leaves) Vegetables (leaves) Vegetables (leaves)	Ethiopia Israel Israel Israel Thailand	United Kingdom France Ireland Switzerland France	1 1 4 5 5
	Ocimum sanctum Pelargonium Solidago Solidago Thymus vulgaris Trachelium	Cuttings Cut flowers Cut flowers Plants for planting Cut flowers	Inaliand Israel Egypt Israel Israel Israel	United Kingdom United Kingdom Netherlands Belgium United Kingdom France	1 2 1 1 1 2
<i>Bemisia tabaci,</i> Thripidae	Ocimum sanctum	Vegetables (leaves)	Ethiopia	United Kingdom	1
Botrytis	Cucumis melo	Fruits	Brazil	Spain	2

Pest	Consignment	Type of commodity	Country of origin	Destination	nb
Bruchidae	Cassia	Seeds	Ecuador	Germany	1
Clavibacter michiganensis subsp. michiganensis	Lycopersicon esculentum	Seeds	China*	France	1
Coccidae	Annona	Fruits	Pakistan	Italy	1
Coleoptera	Allium sativum Triticum durum	Vegetables Seeds	China Moldova	Spain Italy	3 4
Cryptophlebia leucotreta	Citrus paradisi Citrus sinensis	Fruits Fruits	South Africa South Africa	Spain Spain	7 17
Diaphania indica	Momordica	Vegetables	Bangladesh	Italy	1
Elsinoe australis	Citrus unshiu	Fruits	Uruguay	Spain	1
Elsinoe, Parlatoria ziziphi	Citrus latifolia	Fruits	Brazil	Spain	1
Entomobryidae	Ananas comosus	Fruits	Brazil	Spain	5
Ephestia	Coffea Cyperus esculentus Glycine max Pistacia vera Prunus dulcis	Stored products Stored products Stored products Stored products Stored products	India Burkina Faso Brazil USA USA	Spain Spain Spain Spain Spain	1 1 1 1
Erwinia amylovora	Cotoneaster	Plants for planting	Netherlands	United Kingdom	1
Guignardia citricarpa	Citrus limon Citrus reticulata Citrus reticulata Citrus sinensis Citrus sinensis Citrus sinensis Citrus sinensis Citrus sinensis Citrus sinensis Citrus sinensis Citrus sinensis Citrus sinensis	Fruits Fruits Fruits Fruits Fruits Fruits Fruits Fruits Fruits Fruits Fruits Fruits	Argentina South Africa Uruguay Argentina Brazil Brazil Brazil South Africa South Africa South Africa Zimbabwe	Spain United Kingdom Spain Spain Netherlands Portugal Spain Netherlands Spain United Kingdom Netherlands	3 1 11 12 4 12 2 6 1 1
Guignardia citricarpa, Ecdytolopha aurantianum	Citrus sinensis	Fruits	Brazil	Spain	1
Helminthosporium solani	Solanum tuberosum	Ware potatoes	Bangladesh	United Kingdom	1
Hirschmanniella	Vallisneria americana	Plants for planting	Singapore	France	1
Lepidoptera	Momordica Piper sarmentosum	Vegetables Vegetables (leaves)	Bangladesh Vietnam	Italy Czech Republic	1 1
Leucinodes orbonalis	Solanum aethiopicum Solanum melongena Solanum melongena Solanum melongena Solanum melongena	Vegetables Vegetables Vegetables Vegetables Vegetables	Ghana Bangladesh Ghana Thailand Thailand	Germany Germany Germany Czech Republic Sweden	10 1 1 1 2

Pest	Consignment	Type of commodity	Country of origin	Destination	nb
Liriomyza	Ocimum americanum Ocimum americanum, Ocimum basilicum	Vegetables (leaves) Vegetables (leaves)	Thailand Thailand	France France	4 1
	Ocimum basilicum Ocimum basilicum Ocimum basilicum Ocimum basilicum Ocimum sanctum Perilla frutescens Spinacia	Vegetables (leaves) Vegetables (leaves) Vegetables (leaves) Vegetables (leaves) Vegetables (leaves) Vegetables (leaves)	Israel Israel Thailand Thailand Thailand Vietnam Congo	France Ireland Czech Republic France France Czech Republic France	1 2 1 19 1 1 2
Liriomyza huidobrensis	Bupleurum Eryngium Gypsophila Gypsophila paniculata	Cut flowers Cut flowers Cut flowers Cut flowers	Netherlands Zimbabwe* Kenya* Kenya*	Ireland Netherlands Netherlands Netherlands	1 1 2 1
Liriomyza sativae	Gypsophila Ocimum americanum Ocimum americanum, Ocimum basilicum Ocimum basilicum Ocimum basilicum Spinacia Trigonella	Cut flowers Vegetables (leaves) Vegetables (leaves) Vegetables (leaves) Vegetables (leaves) Vegetables (leaves) Vegetables (leaves)	Israel Thailand Thailand Thailand Kenya Thailand Congo India	Belgium France Sweden France France France France France France	2 1 2 1 5 1
Liriomyza trifolii	Apium graveolens Solidago	Vegetables Cut flowers	Thailand Israel	Sweden Belgium	2 1
Meloidogyne	Adonidia	Plants for planting	USA	Belgium	1
Parasaissetia nigra	Citrus Mangifera	Leaves Fruits	Thailand Surinam*	Netherlands Netherlands	1 1
Parasaissetia nigra, Bemisia tabaci	Manihot esculenta	Vegetables	Nigeria	United Kingdom	1
Pepino mosaic virus	Lycopersicon esculentum Lycopersicon esculentum Lycopersicon esculentum Lycopersicon esculentum Lycopersicon esculentum	Seeds Fruits Fruits Fruits Fruits	China* Morocco* Netherlands Poland Spain (Canary Isl.)	France United Kingdom Austria Latvia United Kingdom	2 1 1 1 1
Phytophthora ramorum	Rhododendon	Plants for planting	Netherlands	Sweden	1
Plum pox virus	Prunus domestica	Plants for planting	Germany	Netherlands	1
Potato spindle tuber viroid	Datura	Plants for planting	Italy	Greece	1
Ralstonia solanacearum	Solanum tuberosum	Ware potatoes	Bangladesh	United Kingdom	1
Rhynchophorus ferrugineus	Phoenix dactylifera	Plants for planting	Egypt	Spain	1
Scirtothrips dorsalis	Momordica charantia	Vegetables	India	United Kingdom	1
Spodoptera littoralis	Rosa Rosa	Cut flowers Cut flowers	India Uganda	Netherlands Netherlands	1 1

Pest	Consignment	Type of commodity	Country of origin	Destination	nb
S. littoralis (cont.)	Rosa Rosa	Cut flowers Cut flowers	Zambia Zimbabwe	Netherlands Netherlands	1 4
Spodoptera litura	Aranda, Dendrobium, Vanda	Cut flowers	Thailand	Netherlands	1
	Asparagus Rosa Rosa	Vegetables Cut flowers Cut flowers	Thailand India India	Netherlands Netherlands Netherlands	1 1 1
Thripidae	Ocimum Solanum melongena Solanum melongena	Vegetables (leaves) Vegetables Vegetables	Thailand Dominican Rep. Ghana	United Kingdom United Kingdom United Kingdom	1 2 1
Thrips	Dendrobium Voacanga africana	Cut flowers Stored products	Thailand Ghana	Italy Spain	1 1
Thrips palmi	Citrus Dendrobium Dendrobium Dendrobium Mangifera, Solanum melongena Momordica, Solanum melongena Orchidaceae Orchidaceae Solanum melongena Solanum melongena Solanum melongena Vigna	Leaves Cut flowers Cut flowers Cut flowers Cut flowers Fruits and vegetables Vegetables Vegetables Cut flowers Cut flowers Vegetables Vegetables Vegetables Vegetables Vegetables Vegetables Vegetables	Thailand Thailand Thailand Thailand Thailand Surinam Dominican Rep. Dominican Rep. Singapore Thailand Dominican Rep. Dominican Rep. Thailand Dominican Rep. Thailand	Netherlands Belgium Italy Netherlands Sweden Netherlands United Kingdom Austria Austria Netherlands United Kingdom Netherlands Spain	1 6 2 1 1 5 1 5 1 1 5 1 1 2 1
Thrips palmi, Bemisia tabaci	Ocimum basilicum	Vegetables (leaves)	Thailand	United Kingdom	1
Thrips, Acari	Dianthus	Cut flowers	Ecuador	Spain	1
Thysanoptera	Apium graveolens, Momordica charantia Dendrobium Dendrobium Dracaena, Orchidaceae	Vegetables Cut flowers Cut flowers Plants and cut	Thailand Thailand Thailand Thailand	Switzerland France Switzerland Switzerland	1 1 6 1
	Mangifera indica, Momordica charantia Momordica charantia Momordica charantia Momordica charantia, Orchidaceae Momordica charantia, Solanum melongena Momordica charantia, Solanum melongena Ocimum sanctum Orchidaceae Solanum melongena	flowers Fruits and vegetables Vegetables Vegetables Vegetables Vegetables Vegetables Vegetables Vegetables Vegetables (leaves) Cut flowers	Dominican Rep. Dominican Rep. Thailand Thailand Thailand Thailand Thailand Thailand Daminican Pop	Switzerland France France Switzerland Switzerland France Switzerland France Switzerland	1 11 4 1 1 1 1

Pest	Consignment	Type of commodity	Country of origin	Destination	nb
Thysanoptera (cont.)	Solanum melongena Solanum melongena	Vegetables Vegetables	Mauritius Thailand	France France	1 8
Tomato apical stunt viroid	Solanum jasminoides	Cuttings	Netherlands	Belgium	1
Tortricidae	Pyrus communis	Fruits	Argentina	Spain	1
Tribolium	Cyperus esculentus Cyperus esculentus Cyperus esculentus	Vegetables Stored products Vegetables	Mali Niger Senegal	Spain Spain Spain	1 1 1
Tuta absoluta	Lycopersicon esculentum Lycopersicon esculentum	Fruits Fruits	Morocco Spain	Spain United Kingdom	7 2
Xanthomonas	Citrus, Momordica	Fruits and vegetables	Bangladesh	United Kingdom	1
Xanthomonas axonopodis pv. citri	Citrus Citrus Citrus aurantifolia Citrus limon Citrus sinensis	Fruits Leaves Fruits Fruits Fruits	Bangladesh Thailand Bangladesh Argentina Argentina	United Kingdom Netherlands United Kingdom France Spain	4 2 2 1 2
Xanthomonas axonopodis pv. vesicatoria	Capsicum annuum Lycopersicon esculentum	Seeds Seeds	Chile China	Denmark Italy	1 1
Xiphinema	Ficus carica	Plants for planting	Iran	Germany	1
• Fruit flies					
Pest	Consignment	Country of origin	Destination	nb	
Anastrepha	Mangifera indica Mangifera indica Mangifera indica	Brazil Dominican Rep. Dominican Rep.	Spain Netherlands Spain	1 1 2	
Bactrocera	Mangifera Momordica Psidium	Surinam Bangladesh Thailand	Netherlands Italy United Kingdom	1 1 1	
Bactrocera correcta	Psidium guajava Syzygium samarangense Ziziphus mauritiana	Thailand Thailand Thailand	France France France	2 4 1	
Bactrocera cucurbitae	Momordica Momordica charantia Trichosanthes cucumerina	Pakistan Thailand Mauritius	Italy France France	1 1 1	
Bactrocera dorsalis	Annona muricata Annona muricata, Annona squamosa	Vietnam Vietnam	France France	5 1	

Annona squamosa

Annona squamosa

Mangifera indica

Thailand

Vietnam

Thailand

France

France

France

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Pest	Consignment	Country of origin	Destination	nb
<i>B. dorsalis</i> (cont.)	Mangifera indica	Vietnam	France	1
	Psidium guajava	India	France	1
Bactrocera invadens	Mangifera indica	Cameroon	France	1
Bactrocera latifrons	Capsicum annuum	Thailand	France	2
	Capsicum frutescens	Thailand	France	3
Ceratitis capitata	Cucurbita	Argentina	Spain	2
	Mangifera indica	Brazil	France	2
Tephritidae (non-European)	Annona squamosa	Thailand	France	1
	Annona squamosa	Vietnam	France	1
	Annona, Citrus, Mangifera,	Vietnam	United Kinadom	1
	Capsicum annuum	Thailand	France	12
	Capsicum frutescens	Thailand	France	6
	Citrus reticulata	Uruguay	Spain	1
	Mangifera	Dominican Rep.	United Kingdom	1
	Mangifera indica	Dominican Rep.	United Kingdom	1
	Mangifera indica	Egypt	Netherlands	1
	Mangifera indica	Pakistan	France	2
	Mangifera indica	Pakistan	United Kingdom	1
	Mangifera indica Momordica charantia Passiflora edulis Solanum torvum Syzygium samarangense Syzygium samarangense Voacanga africana Ziziphus mauritiana	Vietnam Vietnam Cameroon Thailand Thailand Thailand Ghana Thailand	France France Belgium France France Germany Spain France	1 1 1 2 1 1 1

#### • Wood

Pest	Consignment	Type of commodity	Country of origin	Destination	nb
Anobiidae	Quercus	Wood and bark	USA	Spain	2
Anoplophora glabripennis	Unspecified	Wood packing material (pallets)	China	Sweden	1
Apriona germarii	Unspecified	Wood packing material (crates)	China	Netherlands	1
Bostrichidae	Unspecified Unspecified Unspecified Unspecified	Wood packing material Wood packing material (crates) Wood packing material (pallets) Wood packing material (crates)	India India India Vietnam	Germany Germany Germany Germany	1 1 2 1
Bostrichidae, Platypodidae, Scolytidae	Copaifera religiosa	Wood and bark	Gabon	Spain	1
Bursaphelenchus	<i>Pinus pinea</i> Unspecified	Wood and bark Wood packing material (pallets)	Portugal Belarus	Germany Latvia	1 1

Pest	Consignment	Type of commodity	Country of origin	Destination	nb
Bursaphelenchus mucronatus	Unspecified	Wood packing material (pallets)	Russia	Latvia	1
Bursaphelenchus xylophilus	Unspecified	Wood packing material (crates)	Portugal	Sweden	1
Bursaphelenchus, Monochamus alternatus	Unspecified	Wooden tables	China	Germany	1
Cerambycidae	Entandrophragma cvlindricum	Wood and bark	Cameroon	Spain	1
	Unspecified Unspecified	Dunnage Wood packing material (pallets)	Brazil Vietnam	Germany Germany	1 1
Coleoptera	<i>Liriodendron</i> <i>Picea abies</i> <i>Pinus radiata</i> Unspecified Unspecified	Wood and bark Wood and bark Wood and bark Wood packing material Wood packing material (crates)	USA Ukraine New Zealand India India	Spain Cyprus Spain Germany Germany	1 1 1 1
Criocephalus rusticus	Unspecified	Wood packing material (pallets)	South Africa	Germany	1
Lyctus	Unspecified	Wood packing material	India	Germany	1
Nematoda	Unspecified	Wood packing material	Portugal	Finland	1
Platypodidae, Scolytidae	Unspecified	Wood and bark	Gabon	Spain	1
Scolytidae	Chlorophora excelsa Copaifera salikounda, Chlorophora excelsa, Entandrophragma candollei	Wood and bark Wood and bark	Congo Congo	Spain Spain	2 1
	Copaifera salikounda, Guarea cedrata	Wood and bark	Congo	Spain	1
	Entandrophragma cylindricum	Wood and bark	Central African	Spain	1
	Entandrophragma cylindricum	Wood and bark	Congo	Spain	1
	Entandrophragma cylindricum, Entandrophragma utile	Wood and bark	Congo	Spain	2
	Populus Unspecified	Wood and bark Wood packing material	USA India	Spain Germany	1 1
Sinoxylon	Unspecified Unspecified Unspecified Unspecified Unspecified Unspecified Unspecified Unspecified	Wood packing material Wood packing material (crates) Wood packing material (pallets) Wood packing material (crates)	India India India Indonesia Malaysia Vietnam Vietnam India	Germany Germany Germany Germany Belgium Germany Germany	1 4 1 1 2 1

• Bonsais

Pest	Consignment	Country of origin	Destination	nb
Helicotylenchus	Ficus	China	Netherlands	1
Helicotylenchus dihystera, Pratylenchus brachyurus, Scutellonema	Serissa, Zanthoxylum, Zelkova	China	United Kingdom	1
Helicotylenchus dihystera, Trichodorus, Tylenchorhynchus	Zelkova	China	United Kingdom	1

Source: EPPO Secretariat, 2010-04.