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Explanations on EU Regulated Non-Quarantine Pests - RNQPs **(as of December 2018)**

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General information - Introduction

Within the framework of the new EU Regulation on protective measures against pests of plants, which is to be implemented by the Member States from 14 December 2019 onwards, the internationally recognized concept of “Regulated Non Quarantine Pests – RNQPs” will, among other things, be implemented as well.

A working group of the European Commission (EC) has selected a number of pests from the group of quarantine pests (in particular from the current Annex IIA2 of Directive No 2000/29/EC) which shall be listed as “Regulated Non Quarantine Pests – RNQPs”. Moreover, it is intended to include the pests listed in the applicable marketing directives for seed and planting material in the list of Regulated Non Quarantine Pests – RNQPs.

The European Commission has commissioned the European and Mediterranean Plant Protection Organization EPPO within the framework of a project to evaluate, with the support of the EU Member States, the above-mentioned list, and to propose, on the basis of the respective crops concerned and the respective pests, the listing or non-listing as RNQP. Furthermore, the production volume and value-added of the individual crops shall be surveyed on the basis of the information provided by the Member States, in order to be able to assess the economic importance of the crops on the Single Market. In addition to that any tolerances and/or threshold values that might exist for a maximum permissible infestation should be confirmed or amended, and the applicable special requirements for the crops concerned in connection with the respective pests should be reviewed and, if required, adapted. Last but not least the requirements concerning individual pests, which are often formulated very vaguely in the marketing directives, should be reviewed, and, if required, adapted.

The result of the EPPO project is now available and constitutes the basis for the Proposal of the Commission for the respective Implementing Regulation.

The competent working group of the European Commission has already started with the discussion on this Implementing Regulation. However, the works have not yet been completed. **THEREFORE ALL INFORMATION PROVIDED HERE IS TO BE CONSIDERED TO BE PRELIMINARY**

The Federal Ministry for Sustainability and Tourism and/or the technical experts of AGES (Austrian Agency for Health and Food Safety) and the BFW (Austrian Research Centre for Forests) have been involved in the work carried out so far and will also represent the Austrian position in future discussions.

Legal basis

Regulation (EU) No 2016/2031 on protective measures against pests of plants

Definition RNQP:

The pest

- is listed in an Implementing Act according to Article 37 of the above-mentioned EU Regulation, with certain pests, which are currently being evaluated as quarantine pests (presently Annex IIA2 of Directive No 2000/29/EC); and/or pests, which are listed in the applicable Directive on seed and planting material (see below) which should be included in this Implementing Act;
- meets the following criteria:
 - o It occurs within the territory of the EU
 - o It is neither a quarantine pest nor a potential candidate for becoming a quarantine pest
 - o It is predominantly transmitted by certain types of seed and planting material
 - o Its occurrence results in unacceptable economic impacts with a view to the use as seed or planting material
 - o Its occurrence can be controlled by means of effective and implementable measures

Provisions concerning the individual pests and/or their producers

- The introduction into the EU and or the spreading of RNQPs within the EU on seed or planting material by entrepreneurs is prohibited
- Threshold values for a maximum permissible infestation, if required for the respective quality grades (pre-basic, basic, certified, etc.), can be defined
- Infested seed and planting material and/or seed and planting material infested beyond the threshold value cannot be marketed
- Special phytosanitary requirements concerning individual pests can be stipulated (e.g. the surrounding of the production area must be free from the pest)
- For certain genera and species, if required, an official certification according to the law on seed and planting material is mandatory instead of phytosanitary requirements
- The official certification procedures according to the provisions on seed and planting material remain (for the time being) unchanged
- Producers (suppliers) are to be officially registered; they are responsible for controlling the compliance with the requirements (except for official certification)
- The plant protection authority only carries out a “superordinate” control of the enterprises
- Seed and planting material is subject to labelling obligations (plant passport, seed and/or planting material label)

Crops, and or genera or species concerned (applicable EU Marketing Directives)

- Beet seed Directive No 2002/54/EC
- Cereal seed (according to list) Directive No 66/402/EC
- Seed of oil and fibre plants (according to list) Directive No 2002/57/EC
- Fodder plants seeds (according to list) Directive No 66/401/EEC
- Seed potatoes Directive No 2002/56/EC
- Vegetable seed (according to list) Directive No 2002/55/EC
- Vegetable propagating and planting material (according to list) Directive No 93/61/EC
- Vegetative propagation of the vine Directive No (68/193/EEC);
- Forest reproductive material (according to list) Directive No 1999/105/EC
- Ornamental plant propagating material (according to list) Directive No 93/49/EEC
- Genus and species of fruit plants (according to list) Directive No 2014/98/EU
- Tobacco, hops

Current draft of the proposal of the European Commission of the listing of RNQPs in the field of wine:

Part A

Plants for Planting in the form of material for the vegetative propagation of the vine within the meaning of Directive 68/193 + references

Bacteria		Threshold of presence of RNQP on the plant for planting – Tolerance level (%)			
RNQPs	Plant species	Pre-Basic	Basic	Certified	<i>Conformitas Agraria Communitatis (CAC)</i>
Candidatus Phytoplasma solani	Vitis	0%	0%	0%	0%
Xylophilus ampelinus	Vitis vinifera	0%	0%	0%	0%
Insects and mites		Threshold of presence of RNQP on the plant for planting – Tolerance level (%)			
RNQPs	Plant species	Pre-Basic	Basic	Certified	CAC
Viteus vitifoliae	Vitis ¹	0%	0%	0%	0%
Viteus vitifoliae	Vitis ²	Lowest possible level	Lowest possible level	Lowest possible level	Lowest possible level
Viruses, viroids, virus-like diseases and phytoplasmas		Threshold of presence of RNQP on the plant for planting – Tolerance level (%)			
RNQPs	Plant species	Pre-Basic	Basic	Certified	CAC
All viruses together	Vitis	0%	1%	5%	10 %
Arabis mosaic virus	Vitis	0%	0%	0%	5 % for nepoviruses (Arabis mosaic virus, Grapevine fanleaf virus and Cherry leaf roll)

¹ In case of non-grafted plants of *V. vinifera*

² In the case of grafted plants of *V. vinifera*

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Arabis mosaic virus	Vitis	0%	0%	0%	Practical freedom for individual virus 5 % for nepoviruses
Cherry leaf roll virus	Vitis	0%	0%	0%	Practical freedom for individual virus 5 % for nepoviruses
Grapevine fanleaf virus	Vitis	0%	0%	0%	Practical freedom for individual virus 5 % for nepoviruses
Grapevine fleck virus	Vitis species and their hybrids, except <i>Vitis vinifera</i>	0%	0%	0%	Practical freedom for individual viruses 10 % for all viruses together
Grapevine leafroll associated virus 1	Vitis	0%	0%	0%	Practical freedom
Grapevine leafroll associated virus 3	Vitis	0%	0%	0%	Practical freedom