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**Notification on implementation of new Phytosanitary requirements for introduction into the Serbia of specified plants originating in country where the harmful organism *Xylella fastidiosa* is not present or where is known to be present**

Dear Colleagues,

We would like to inform you that Ministry of Agriculture and Environmental Protection of Republic of Serbia published Rulebook on measures to detect, to prevent the spread and to eradicate the harmful organism *Xylella fastidiosa* (Well et al.), method for definition of demarcated areas, the conditions for completion of ordered measures, the notification of measures taken and termination of these measures (“Official gazette RS”, No. 31/2016).

This Rulebook prescribes specific import requirements for specified plants originating in country where the harmful organism *Xylella fastidiosa* is not present or where is known to be present.

For your convenience we are sending in Annex I to this Letter specific import requirements according to abovementioned Rulebook and list of prescribed specified plants, translated into English.

Full version of this Rulebook in Serbian language, you may find on official website of Plant Protection Directorate (link: <http://www.uzb.minpolj.gov.rs/>)

We kindly ask you to forward this information to your officers responsible for export certification and issuance of Phytosanitary Certificates, so there should be no inconveniences in trade of specified plants.

Thank you for your kind cooperation.

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**Phytosanitary requirements for introduction into the Serbia of specified plants originating in country where the harmful organism *Xylella fastidiosa* is not present or where is known to be present**

Art. 3, 4 and 5 of Rulebook on measures to detect, to prevent the spread and to eradicate the harmful organism *Xylella fastidiosa* (Well et al.), method for definition of demarcated areas, the conditions for completion of ordered measures, the notification of measures taken and termination of these measures (Official gazette RS, No. 31/16) prescribe phytosanitary requirements for introduction into the Serbia of specified plants originating in country where the harmful organism *Xylella fastidiosa* is not present or where is known to be present.

**Phytosanitary requirements for introduction into the Serbia of specified plants originating in country where the harmful organism *Xylella fastidiosa* is not present (Art. 3.)**

Specified plants originating in country where the harmful organism *Xylella fastidiosa* is not present may be introduced into the Republic of Serbia if the following conditions are fulfilled:

- 1) the specified plants are accompanied by a Phytosanitary Certificate, stating under the rubric 'Additional Declaration' that the harmful organism is not present in the country;
- 2) neither presence nor symptoms of the harmful organism have been found.

The phytosanitary inspection for the presence of harmful organism is carried out in accordance with Article 5, paragraph 2 of this Rulebook.

**Phytosanitary requirements for introduction into the Serbia of specified plants originating in country where the harmful organism *Xylella fastidiosa* is known to be present (Art. 4.)**

**Art. 4 paragraph 1**

Specified plants originating in country where the harmful organism *Xylella fastidiosa* is known to be present may be introduced into the Republic of Serbia if the following conditions are fulfilled:

- 1) specified plants are accompanied by a Phytosanitary Certificate, stating under the rubric 'Additional Declaration' data (information) referred to in paragraph 3 or 4 of this Article;
- 2) neither presence nor symptoms of the harmful organism have been found.

#### **Art. 4 paragraph 2**

The phytosanitary inspection for the presence of harmful organism is carried out in accordance with Article 5, paragraph 3 of this Rulebook.

#### **Art. 4 paragraph 3**

Where specified plants originate in an area free from the harmful organism, as established by the national plant protection organisation concerned in accordance with relevant International Standards for Phytosanitary Measures, in the Phytosanitary Certificate, under the rubric 'Additional Declaration' the following conditions must be stated:

- 1) plants have been grown through its lifecycle in the area free from the harmful organism, established in accordance with relevant International Standards for Phytosanitary Measures;
- 2) the name of that area is stated in the Phytosanitary Certificate under the rubric 'place of origin'.

#### **Art. 4 paragraph 4**

Where specified plants originate in an area where the harmful organism is known to be present, in the Phytosanitary Certificate shall be stated under the rubric 'Additional Declaration' that:

- 1) the specified plants have been produced in one or more sites fulfilling the conditions set out in paragraph 5 of this Article;
- 2) the national plant protection organisation of the country of origin has published or communicated in writing to the Republic of Serbia the list of those sites, including their location within the country. The name of that site or location shall be indicated in the Phytosanitary Certificate under the rubric 'Place of origin';
- 3) phytosanitary treatments against the vectors of the harmful organism are applied in the site and its zone as referred to in paragraph 5 point 3) of this Article;
- 4) representative samples of each species of specified plants from each site have been subject to annual testing, at the most appropriate time, and the absence of the harmful organism has been confirmed on the basis of tests carried out in accordance with internationally validated testing methods;
- 5) the specified plants have been transported in closed containers or packaging, ensuring that infection with the harmful organism or any of its known vectors cannot occur;
- 6) as practically close to the time of export as possible, the lots of the specified plants were subjected to official visual inspection, sampling and molecular testing, carried out in accordance with internationally validated testing methods, confirming the absence of the harmful organism, using a sampling scheme able to identify with 99 % reliability a level of presence of infected plants of 1 % or above and targeted especially at plants displaying suspect symptoms of the harmful organism;

7) immediately prior to export, the lots of the specified plants were subjected to phytosanitary treatments against any of the known vectors of the harmful organism.

**Art. 4 paragraph 5**

The site referred to in point 1) of paragraph 4 of this Article must fulfill the following conditions:

- 1) it is authorised by the national plant protection organisation of country of origin as free from the harmful organism and its vectors, in accordance with the relevant International Standards for Phytosanitary Measures;
- 2) it is physically protected against the introduction of the harmful organism and its vectors;
- 3) it is surrounded by a zone with a width of 200 meters which has been found by official visual inspection, and, in case of suspicion of the presence of the harmful organism, by sampling and testing, to be free from the harmful organism, and is subject to appropriate phytosanitary treatments against the vectors of the harmful organism; those treatments may include, as appropriate, removal of plants;
- 4) it is subject to phytosanitary treatments that aim to maintain freedom from vectors of the harmful organism; those treatments may include, as appropriate, removal of plants;
- 5) it is subjected annually, together with the zone referred to in point 3) of this paragraph, to at least two official inspections carried out at appropriate times;
- 6) throughout the production time of the specified plants, neither symptoms of the harmful organism nor its vectors were found in the site, or, if suspect symptoms were observed, testing has been undertaken and absence of the harmful organism has been confirmed;
- 7) throughout the production time of the specified plants, no symptoms of the harmful organism were found in the zone referred to in point 3) of this paragraph or, if suspect symptoms were observed, testing has been undertaken and absence of the harmful organism has been confirmed.

**Art. 4 paragraph 6**

Introduction into the territory of Republic of Serbia of *Coffea* plants for planting, other than seeds, originating in Costa Rica or Honduras is prohibited.

**Official checks at introduction into the Serbia ( Art. 5)**

The phytosanitary inspection for the presence of harmful organism of all consignments of specified plants introduced into the Republic of Serbia is carried out at the point of entry for the presence of harmful organism by documentary check pursuant Articles 3 or 4, identity check and plant health check.

In the case of specified plants originating in a country where the specified organism is not present, the Phytosanitary inspector carry out the following checks:

- 1) a visual inspection; and
- 2) in the case of suspicion of the presence of the harmful organism and its vectors, sampling and testing of the lot of the specified plants to confirm the absence of the harmful organism or its symptoms.

In the case of specified plants originating in a country where the harmful organism is known to be present, the Phytosanitary inspector carry out the following checks:

- 1) a visual inspection; and
- 2) sampling and testing of each lot of the specified plants to confirm the absence of the specified organism, or its vectors.

For specified plants imported pursuant paragraph 3 of this Article shall be determined post-quarantine supervision for two vegetative periods.

The samples shall be of a size that allows identifying with 99 % reliability a level of infected plants of 1 % or above, taking account of ISPM No 31.

#### **SPECIFIED PLANTS – prescribed in Annex I of Rulebook**

*Acacia longifolia* (Andrews) Willd.

*Acacia saligna* (Labill.) H. L. Wendl.

*Acer*

*Aesculus*

*Agrostis gigantea* Roth

*Albizia julibrissin* Durazz.

*Alnus rhombifolia* Nutt.

*Alternanthera tenella* Colla

*Amaranthus blitoides* S. Watson

*Ambrosia acanthicarpa* Hook.

*Ambrosia artemisiifolia* L.

*Ambrosia trifida* L.

*Ampelopsis arborea* (L.) Koehne

*Ampelopsis cordata* Michx.

*Asparagus acutifolius* L.

*Artemisia douglasiana* Hook.

*Artemisia vulgaris* var. *heterophylla* (H.M. Hall & Clements) Jepson

*Avena fatua* L.

*Baccharis halimifolia* L.

*Baccharis pilularis* DC.

*Baccharis salicifolia* (Ruiz & Pav.)  
*Bidens pilosa* L.  
*Brachiaria decumbens* (Stapf)  
*Brachiaria plantaginea* (Link) Hitchc.  
*Brassica*  
*Bromus diandrus* Roth  
*Callicarpa americana* L.  
*Capsella bursa-pastoris* (L.) Medik.  
*Carex*  
*Carya illinoensis* (Wangenh.) K. Koch  
*Cassia tora* (L.) Roxb.  
*Catharanthus*  
*Celastrus orbiculata* Thunb.  
*Celtis occidentalis* L.  
*Cenchrus echinatus* L.  
*Cercis canadensis* L.  
*Cercis occidentalis* Torr.  
*Chamaecrista fasciculata* (Michx.) Greene  
*Chenopodium quinoa* Willd.  
*Chionanthus*  
*Chitalpa tashkinensis* T. S. Elias & Wisura  
*Citrus*  
*Cistus creticus* L.  
*Cistus monspeliensis* L.  
*Cistus salviifolius* L.  
*Coelorachis cylindrica* (Michx.) Nash  
*Coffea*  
*Commelina benghalensis* L.  
*Conium maculatum* L.  
*Convolvulus arvensis* L.  
*Conyza canadensis* (L.) Cronquist  
*Cornus florida* L.  
*Coronopus didymus* (L.) Sm.  
*Cynodon dactylon* (L.) Pers.  
*Cyperus eragrostis* Lam.  
*Cyperus esculentus* L.  
*Cytisus scoparius* (L.) Link  
*Cytisus racemosus* Broom  
*Datura wrightii* Regel  
*Digitaria horizontalis* Willd.

*Digitaria insularis* (L.) Ekman  
*Digitaria sanguinalis* (L.) Scop.  
*Disphania ambrosioides* (L.) Mosyakin & Clemants  
*Dodonaea viscosa* Jacq.  
*Duranta erecta* L.  
*Echinochloa crus-galli* (L.) P. Beauv.  
*Encelia farinosa* A. Gray ex Torr.  
*Eriochloa contracta* Hitchc.  
*Erodium*  
*Escallonia montevidensis* Link & Otto  
*Eucalyptus camaldulensis* Dehnh.  
*Eucalyptus globulus* Labill.  
*Eugenia myrtifolia* Sims  
*Euphorbia hirta* L.  
*Euphorbia terracina* L.  
*Fagus crenata* Blume  
*Ficus carica* L.  
*Fragaria vesca* L.  
*Fraxinus americana* L.  
*Fraxinus dipetala* Hook. & Arn.  
*Fraxinus latifolia* Benth.  
*Fraxinus pennsylvanica* Marshall  
*Fuchsia magellanica* Lam.  
*Genista monspessulana* (L.) L. A. S. Johnson  
*Genista ephedroides* DC.  
*Geranium dissectum* L.  
*Ginkgo biloba* L.  
*Gleditsia triacanthos* L.  
*Grevillea juniperina* L.  
*Hebe Laurus nobilis* L.  
*Hedera helix* L.  
*Helianthus annuus* L.  
*Hemerocallis*  
*Heteromeles arbutifolia* (Lindl.) M. Roem.  
*Hibiscus schizopetalus* (Masters) J.D. Hooker  
*Hibiscus syriacus* L.  
*Hordeum murinum* L.  
*Hydrangea paniculata* Siebold  
*Ilex vomitoria* Sol. ex Aiton  
*Ipomoea purpurea* (L.) Roth

*Iva annua* L.  
*Jacaranda mimosifolia* D. Don  
*Juglans*  
*Juniperus ashei* J. Buchholz  
*Koelreuteria bipinnata* Franch.  
*Lactuca serriola* L.  
*Lagerstroemia indica* L.  
*Lavandula dentata* L.  
*Lavandula angustifolia* Mill.  
*Ligustrum lucidum* L.  
*Lippia nodiflora* (L.) Greene  
*Liquidambar styraciflua* L.  
*Liriodendron tulipifera* L.  
*Lolium perenne* L.  
*Lonicera japonica* (L.) Thunb.  
*Ludwigia grandiflora* (Michx.) Greuter & Burdet  
*Lupinus aridorum* McFarlin ex Beckner  
*Lupinus villosus* Willd.  
*Magnolia grandiflora* L.  
*Malva*  
*Marrubium vulgare* L.  
*Medicago polymorpha* L.  
*Medicago sativa* L.  
*Melilotus*  
*Melissa officinalis* L.  
*Metrosideros*  
*Modiola caroliniana* (L.) G. Don  
*Montia linearis* (Hook.) Greene  
*Morus*  
*Myoporum insulare* R. Br.  
*Myrtus communis* L.  
*Nandina domestica* Murray  
*Neptunia lutea* (Leavenw.) Benth.  
*Nerium oleander* L.  
*Nicotiana glauca* Graham  
*Olea europaea* L.  
*Origanum majorana* L.  
*Paspalum dilatatum* Poir.  
*Persea americana* Mill.  
*Pelargonium graveolens* L'Hér

*Phoenix reclinata* Jacq.  
*Phoenix roebelenii* O'Brien  
*Pinus taeda* L.  
*Pistacia vera* L.  
*Plantago lanceolata* L.  
*Platanus*  
*Pluchea odorata* (L.) Cass.  
*Poa annua* L.  
*Polygala myrtifolia* L.  
*Polygonum arenastrum* Boreau  
*Polygonum lapathifolium* (L.) Delarbre  
*Polygonum persicaria* Gray  
*Populus fremontii* S. Watson  
*Portulaca*  
*Prunus*  
*Pyrus pyrifolia* (Burm. f.) Nakai  
*Quercus*  
*Ranunculus repens* L.  
*Ratibida columnifera* (Nutt.) Wooton & Standl.  
*Rhamnus alaternus* L.  
*Rhus diversiloba* Torr. & A. Gray  
*Rosa californica* Cham. & Schldl.  
*Rosmarinus officinalis* L.  
*Rubus*  
*Rumex crispus* L.  
*Salix*  
*Salsola tragus* L.  
*Salvia mellifera* Greene  
*Sambucus*  
*Sapindus saponaria* L.  
*Schinus molle* L.  
*Senecio vulgaris* L.  
*Setaria magna* Griseb.  
*Silybum marianum* (L.) Gaertn.  
*Simmondsia chinensis* (Link) C. K. Schneid.  
*Sisymbrium irio* L.  
*Solanum americanum* Mill.  
*Solanum elaeagnifolium* Cav.  
*Solidago virgaurea* L.  
*Sonchus*

*Sorghum*

*Spartium junceum* L.

*Spermacoce latifolia* Aubl.

*Stellaria media* (L.) Vill.

*Tillandsia usneoides* (L.) L.

*Toxicodendron diversilobum* (Torr. & A. Gray) Greene

*Trifolium repens* L.

*Ulmus americana* L.

*Ulmus crassifolia* Nutt.

*Umbellularia californica* (Hook. & Arn.) Nutt.

*Urtica dioica* L.

*Urtica urens* L.

*Vaccinium*

*Verbena litoralis* Kunth

*Veronica*

*Vicia faba* L.

*Vinca*

*Vitis*

*Westringia fruticosa* (Willd.) Druce

*Westringia glabra* L.

*Xanthium spinosum* L.

*Xanthium strumarium* L.