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1. Regulatory status

- *Xylella fastidiosa* is a quarantine pest that is absent in Egypt.
- The most effective way to control this pest is to prevent its entry.

2. Phytosanitary measures

a. Emergency measures

Notification of Emergency Measures on WTO website "G/SPS/N/EGY/75":

«Temporary suspension of the importation of ornamental plants and seedlings of fruit trees from countries where *X. fastidiosa* is present».

b. Notification for the Egyptian ports and entry points

A publication was prepared based on the WTO notification; it contains all the measures which should be taken in the Egyptian ports and entry points.

c. Rapid Pest Risk Analysis (PRA)

The Rapid PRA considers the risk of economic harm due to the entry, establishment and spread of *X. fastidiosa* within the countries (Algeria, Egypt, Iraq, Jordan, Libya, Malta, Morocco, Pakistan, Syria, Sudan, Tunisia) and neighbouring countries (Lebanon, Palestine) of the Near East Plant Protection Organisation (NEPPO).

3. Actions Taken

- Cooperation with the Central Administration for Plant Quarantine (CAPQ) and the Central Administration for Pest Control to prevent the introduction of *X. fastidiosa*.
- Reviewing case studies of the infection in the countries where the pest is present.
- Reviewing up-to-date research on this topic.
- Applying the EPPO Inspection and diagnostic protocols for this pest.
- Informing research stations of the inspection measures and procedures.
- Raising awareness of farmers so that they may report suspicious symptoms and cooperate with inspections/surveys.
- Organizing field inspections.
- Informing farmers on field management practices for reducing the risk of infection.

4. Future Plans

- Cooperation with other global research bodies to conduct research on *X. fastidiosa* and its vector(s).
- Pest Risk Analysis (PRA) for *Xylella fastidiosa* in Egypt.
- Optimization of diagnosis protocol.
- Undertaking an annual Egyptian National Surveillance Program for *Xylella fastidiosa* according to ISPM#6 in cooperation with CAPQ.
- Training of inspectors, surveyors, diagnosticians, farmers and producers.