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**Subject: Entry into force of the new EU Commission Implementing Decision as regards measures to prevent the introduction into and the spread within the Union of *Xylella fastidiosa* (Wells et al.)**

By this note, I would like to inform you that, following the positive opinion of the Standing Committee on Plants, Animals, Food and Feed - Section Plant Health - on 28 April 2015, the adoption by the European Commission of the EU Commission Implementing Decision as regards measures to prevent the introduction into and the spread within the Union of *Xylella fastidiosa* (Wells et al.) is foreseen the week commencing 18<sup>th</sup> May 2015.

The entry into force of this EU Decision is scheduled for the same week by way of notification to the EU Member States, followed by the publication in the Official Journal of the European Union.

In this respect, I would be obliged whether your respective stakeholders and trading partners could be properly informed in advance of the entry into force of the new legal provisions. This will facilitate the transition and allow all relevant stakeholders to adjust accordingly to the new requirements.

In a nutshell, for all the specified plants regulated in the EU Decision (27 genera and 160 species) destined for import in the EU, a declaration from the NPPO of the country of origin needs to be sent in advance to the Commission for the following cases:

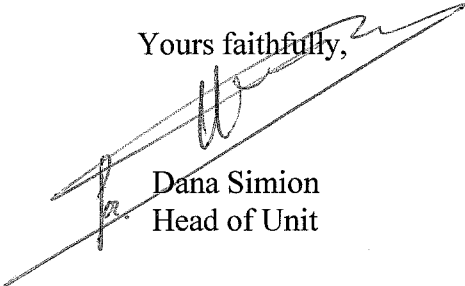
- *X. fastidiosa* free country: statement informing that the organism is not present in the concerned country;
- Pest Free Area related to *X. fastidiosa*: statement informing about the name of that area;
- Pest free production sites fulfilling the specific import requirements: statement with the list of the authorised facilities (name and address).

Lastly, you may refer to the website of DG SANTE, section plant health, to get access to the relevant documents:

[http://ec.europa.eu/food/plant/plant\\_health\\_biosecurity/legislation/emergency\\_measures/index\\_en.htm](http://ec.europa.eu/food/plant/plant_health_biosecurity/legislation/emergency_measures/index_en.htm)

For the time being, the English version of the draft EU Decision has been made available to the public and pre-notified to the WTO-SPS Committee.

Yours faithfully,



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