



# **EU Emergency Measures against *Xylella fastidiosa***

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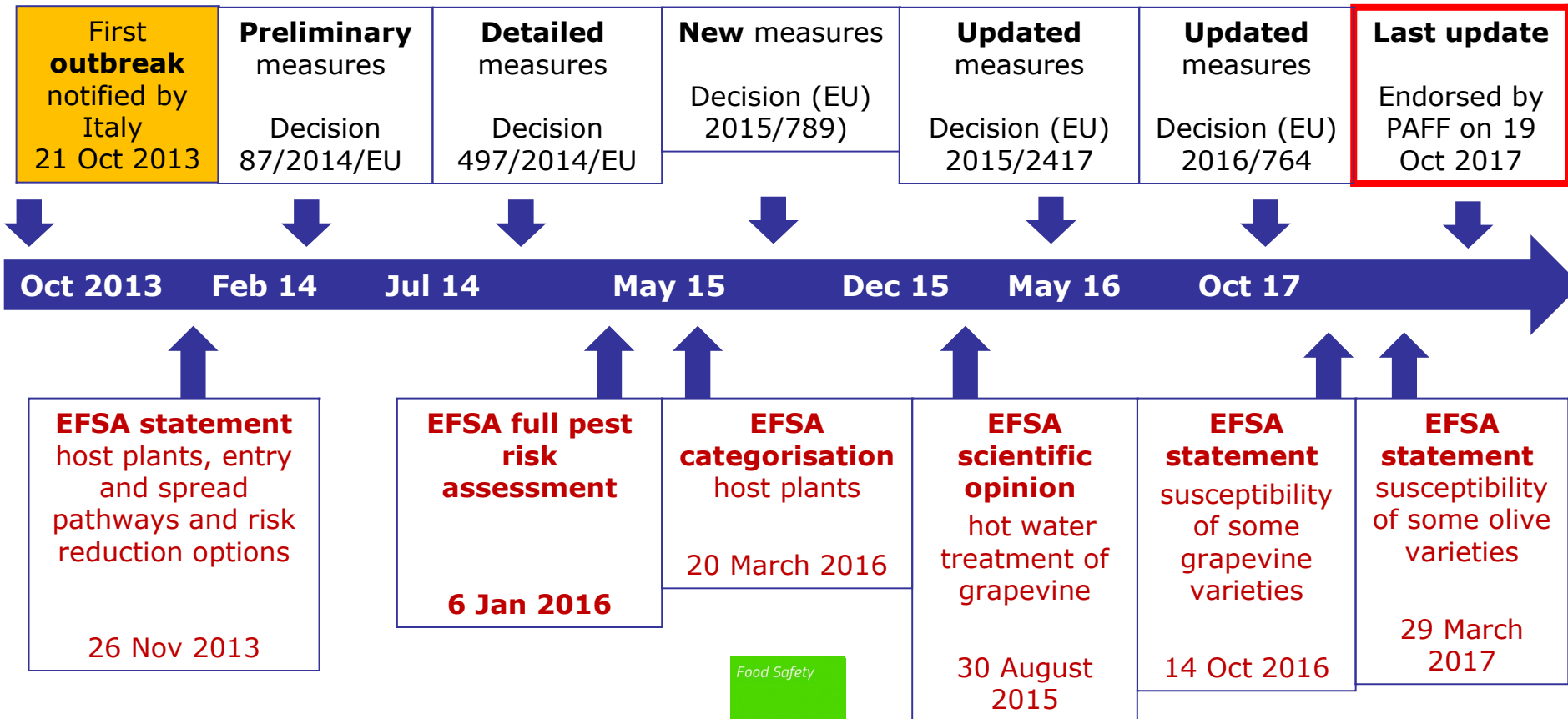
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# Regulatory framework

- *Xylella fastidiosa* regulated as **quarantine organism** under the plant health Directive 2000/29/EC;
- Member States shall:
  - **Prohibit** its introduction and spread within the EU;
  - **Immediately notify** any presence in their territories;
  - **Take all necessary measures** to eradicate, or if that is impossible, prevent its spread;

# EU measures hand in hand with scientific developments



# ***MEASURES APPLICABLE TO ALL MEMBER STATES***

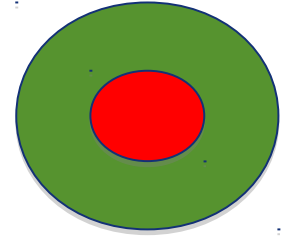
- 1. Contingency plans** to increase better preparedness and quicker response;
- 2. Awareness campaigns** for general public, travellers, professional and international transport operators
- 3. Plant passport** for movement of all host plants within the Union;
- 4. Surveys obligations** (survey plan) for the presence of *Xylella*;

# 2016 Survey activities

|  | Inspections                                | Samples | Vectors |
|--|--|---------|---------|
|  | Nurseries<br>Garden centres<br>Other sites |         |         |
| <b>All Member States<br/>(excluding regions with<br/>demarcated areas*):</b> | 40.531                                     | 19.933  | 2.392   |
| <b>Apulia*</b>   | 109.458                                    | 103.070 | 1.472   |
| <b>Corsica*</b>  | 782  | 6.964   | -       |
| <b>PACA*</b>   | 1.926                                      | 2.144   | -       |
| <b>Saxony/Thuringia*</b>   | 4.023                                      | 300     | -       |

# ***MEASURES APPLICABLE TO DEMARCATED AREAS***

# Demarcated area



- Movement restrictions (no nursery authorised)
  - Intensive monitoring
  - Vector control (e.g. agricultural practices)
- **Plants removal**
    - Eradication: all host plants of the subspecies detected (e.g. *pauca*, *fastidiosa*, *multiplex*) located around the infected plant
    - Containment: targeted removal of infected plants
  - **Planting prohibition** of host plants (except for containment areas)





# Import into the Union

- 1. Same movement restrictions** as applied to EU Demarcated Areas;
2. Third Countries have to **notify in advance the Xylella status** in their territory (e.g. *Pest Free Country, Pest Free Area, Pest Free Production Site*);
- 3. Import ban of Coffea plants** for planting from Honduras and Costa Rica (since May 2015);
- 4. Interceptions on import even more closely monitored** – number of findings extremely limited since the 2015 measures:
  - One interception (2017) on walnut planting material from California (US);
  - One interception (2016) on a wild species of geranium from Mexico;



# Commission audits

- 1. Regularly organised** to assess the level of compliance in the Member States concerned;
  - 9 audits in France, Germany, Italy and Spain;
- 2.** A new series of audits of Member States' **import regime** is ongoing to achieve more harmonisation across Member States;
- 3. Third countries' audit** (e.g. Costa Rica and Honduras in 2015, Guatemala in 2016, US in 2018);

# Latest revision of EU Decision

- Endorsed by PAFF on 19 October 2017, COM adoption in December;
- **Corsica** and **Baleares** declared as **containment areas**;
- **Harmonised diagnostic tests**;
- Specific measures for **isolated cases** with no natural spread;
- **Reduced buffer zone (5 km)** for outbreaks under eradication;
- **Felling exemptions for monumental non-infected trees** subject to physical isolation;

# Latest revision of EU Decision (II)

- **Possibility for Member States to authorise planting of host plants** (preferably less susceptible varieties) in containment areas;
- **Revised survey intensity** in the buffer zones;
- **Recognition of three grapevine varieties resistant** to the Apulian strain of Xf;
- **Stricter requirement for internal movement of 6 most susceptible plant species** (originating in the rest of the EU/Third countries considered as Xylella free);