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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.