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Dear Sir/Madam,

## Stakeholder engagement on a summary of the EPPO (European and Mediterranean Plant Protection Organisation) Pest Risk Analysis

I am writing to seek your views on the EPPO (European and Mediterranean Plant Protection Organisation) Pest Risk Analysis (PRA) summary for two jewel beetles, *Chrysobothris femorata* and *C. mali* (Coleoptera: Buprestidae). As mentioned in the summary, new GB regulations will be drafted using the EPPO PRA recommendations with the aim of further mitigating the risk of introducing these pests.

The summaries of EPPO's findings and their relevance to GB are enclosed. A link to the EPPO PRAs can be found at the webpages given below:

[Chrysobothris femorata \(CHRBFE\)\[Documents\]| EPPO Global Database](#)

[Chrysobothris mali \(CHRBMA\)\[Documents\]| EPPO Global Database](#)

### Recommendations for action against *Chrysobothris femorata* and *C. mali*

The EPPO PRA recommended that:

(1) Host plants for planting (except seeds, tissue cultures, pollen) should:

come from a Pest Free Area as well as be stored and transported in conditions preventing infestation.

Or

come from a pest-free production site as well as be stored and transported in conditions preventing infestation.

Or



be subject to a systems approach (combining treatment of the crop with options such as importing plants with a maximum diameter, requiring a visual examination of the plants, visual inspection of the consignment etc.)

Or

Post-entry quarantine for 2 years.

(2) Host round wood should:

Be stored and transported in conditions preventing infestation.

And

come from a Pest Free Area.

Or

be subject to a heat treatment.

Or

be subject to irradiation.

Or

be subject to fumigation with sulfuryl fluoride (for debarked wood not exceeding 20cm in cross-section)

(3) Host sawn wood (>6mm) should:

Come from a Pest Free Area.

Or

be subject to a heat treatment.

Or

be subject to irradiation.

Or

be subject to fumigation with sulfuryl fluoride (for debarked wood below 20cm in cross-section)

(4) Deciduous wood chips, hogwood, processing wood residues should:

come from a Pest Free Area as well as be stored and transported in conditions preventing infestation.

(5) Wood packaging material should:

Meet ISPM 15 requirements.

(6) Cut branches of hosts should:

come from a Pest Free Area as well as be stored and transported in conditions preventing infestation.

Or

come from a pest-free production site as well as be stored and transported in conditions preventing infestation.

(7) Unconfirmed host plants for planting should:

Be accompanied by a Phytosanitary Certificate.

**We would welcome your views and comments on the summary enclosed.**

In submitting any comments you may wish to focus on the summary, key uncertainties and conclusion sections of the risk assessments and to consider the following:

- Are any factual corrections required?
- Can you provide any additional information (or links to other sources of information) that may help address uncertainty identified in the assessments?
- Are there any risks that have not been adequately considered?
- Have you reviewed the pest risk assessment summary and consider that you have nothing further to add?

All responses should be sent to [plantpestrisks@defra.gov.uk](mailto:plantpestrisks@defra.gov.uk) by **9 February 2024**.

Information provided in response to this consultation, including personal information, may be made available to the public on request, in accordance with the requirements of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA) and the Environmental Information Regulations 2004 (EIRs)

If you do not wish your response, including your name, contact details and any other personal information, to be publicly available, please say so clearly in writing when you send your response to the consultation. Please note that if your computer automatically includes a confidentiality disclaimer, this will not count as a confidentiality request. Please explain why you need to keep details confidential. We will take your reasons into account if someone asks for the information under freedom of information legislation. However, we cannot guarantee that we will always be able to keep those details confidential.

Yours faithfully,

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