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Dear Sir/Madam,

Stakeholder engagement on a summary of the EPPO (European and Mediterranean Plant Protection Organisation) Pest Risk Analysis report for pine tortoise scale

I am writing to seek your views on the EPPO (European and Mediterranean Plant Protection Organisation) Pest Risk Analysis (PRA) report summary for pine tortoise scale, *Toumeyella parvicornis* (Hemiptera: Coccidae) and the proposed phytosanitary measures. The summary document includes information from the Irish Pest Risk Analysis for this pest. Defra intends to introduce new GB regulations based on the EPPO recommendations with the aim of further mitigating the risk of introducing this pest, further details are provided here:

[Legislation for Autumn 2025](#)

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

<https://gd.eppo.int/taxon/TOUMPA/documents>

The Irish PRA for *T. parvicornis* is available here:

[PRA - Pest Risk Analysis Toumeyella parvicornis](#)

Recommendations for phytosanitary measures against *Toumeyella parvicornis*

Pathway	Measures identified for the exporting country
Plants for planting of <i>Pinus</i> spp. (except seeds, tissue culture and pollen)	<p>Pest free area (PFA) (ISPM 4, ISPM 29) (see requirements below)</p> <p>OR</p> <p>Plants should be produced in a pest-free place of production / pest-free production site for <i>Toumeyella parvicornis</i>, established according to EPPO Standard PM 5/8 Guidelines on the phytosanitary measure 'Plants grown under physical isolation'</p> <p>OR</p> <p>Systems approach combining all three of the following measures:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Absence of <i>Toumeyella parvicornis</i> after visual inspection of the consignment, • Dipping the whole plant in horticultural oils (summer oils or botanical oils) or insecticidal soap, • Storage and transportation in conditions preventing new infestation, i.e. outside the crawler active period, or not in/through areas infested with the pest, or with a suitable packaging (i.e. solid material, not a net)
Cut branches of <i>Pinus</i> spp. (including Christmas trees)	<p>PFA (ISPM 4, ISPM 29) (see requirements below)</p> <p>OR</p> <p>Systems approach combining all three of the following measures:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Absence of <i>Toumeyella parvicornis</i> after visual inspection of the consignment, • Dipping the whole plant in horticultural oils (summer oils or botanical oils) or insecticidal soap, • Storage and transportation in conditions preventing new infestation, i.e. outside the crawler active period, or not in/through areas infested with the pest, or with a suitable packaging (i.e. solid material, not a net)

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 plantpestsrisks@defra.gov.uk by **10 September 2025**.

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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