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Subject:

Portugal's advanced declaration of phytosanitary status of *Xylella fastidiosa*

Regarding your letter, dated 21 March 2024, concerning the requirements for the introduction into Great Britain of plants for planting of *Xylella fastidiosa* hosts, we are providing an update to our previous statement:

- Requirements for medium risk hosts (plants for planting regulated under point 2 of Annex 7, part B of retained Phytosanitary Conditions Regulation (2019/2072)):

We confirm that **the whole of Portugal, excluding those demarcated areas where the pest is known to occur**, detailed information on which is available at <https://www.dgav.pt/plantas/conteudo/sanidade-vegetal/inspecao-fitossanitaria/informacao-fitossanitaria/xylella-fastidiosa/> (search for "Zonas demarcadas de *Xylella fastidiosa* em Portugal") **is a Pest Free Area for *Xylella fastidiosa*.**

Additionally, we confirm that no medium risk host plants for planting will be exported from demarcated areas in Portugal, unless they originate from sites of production that comply with the requirements laid down in point 2 (c) of Annex 7, part B of retained Phytosanitary Conditions Regulation (2019/2072). Please note that, at the time of our

previous statement, there were no authorised pest free places/sites of production, situation that has considerably changed since then.

Accordingly, and as asked by you, we will inform our inspectors that the name of the pest free area to be included in the phytosanitary certificate under the heading "*Additional declaration*" in the case of option 2 (b) should be '*Portugal, other than prenotified demarcated areas*'. Please allow for some delay until all the inspectors change the wording as we intend to include this information in the scope of a more comprehensive package referring to other changes that will happen related to the BTOM on April, 30.

Regarding the requirements for high-risk hosts (plants for planting regulated under point 4 and 5 of Annex 7, part B of retained Phytosanitary Conditions Regulation (2019/2072), *Lavandula* sp. L., *Nerium oleander* L., *Salvia Rosmarinus* (Spenner), *Olea europaea* L. and *Prunus dulcis* (Mill.) D.A. Webb), please, take into consideration the attached list of **Pest Free places of Production** that fulfil the requirements listed under point 4 (b) (i)-(vi) or 5 (b) (i)-(v).

Best regards,

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