Aromia bungii is a wood boring longhorn beetle, that is one of the most destructive pests of Prunus fruit trees (cherry, plum, apricot and peach). Ornamental Prunus species can also be attacked.

Native to south-eastern Asia Aromia bungii was first found in Europe in 2008, with outbreaks in Italy and Germany. The outbreak near Naples is of particular concern because the outbreak area is quite large (over 20km wide) and getting larger as the pest continues to spread.

Importers and growers of Prunus should be aware, and take care when sourcing plant material from Europe. Importers of products packaged in wood should also be aware as the beetle larvae can be transported with wood.

If you suspect the presence of the Aromia bungii, please inform the relevant authority (see over for details).
For England and Wales, contact your local APHA Plant Health and Seeds Inspector, or the PHSI headquarters, in York:
Tel: 01904 405138
Email: planthealth.info@apha.gsi.gov.uk
Web: https://www.gov.uk/plant-health-controls

For Scotland, contact the Scottish Government’s Horticulture and Marketing Unit:
Email: hort.marketing@gov.scot
Web: http://www.gov.scot/Topics/farmingrural/Agriculture/plant/PlantHealth

For Northern Ireland, contact DAERA Plant Health Inspection Branch:
Tel: 0800 200 7847
Email: planthealth@daera-ni.gov.uk
Web: www.daera-ni.gov.uk