Pest Alert: *Citrus bark cracking Viroid* (CBCVd)

- Pest of hops and *Citrus* present in parts of Europe and elsewhere. Effects on hops have only been seen in Slovenia.
- CBCVd can cause a range of symptoms on hops, including a shortening of the internodes of the main and lateral branches, leaf yellowing (chlorosis), downward curling and reduced cone production.
- The pest is spread mechanically e.g. through pruning.
- Plant Health Phytosanitary certification can help in maintaining disease freedom of hop planting material.

If you see any signs of infection with CBCVd, 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:
Tel: 0131 244 8935
Email: hort.marketing@gov.scot
Web: http://www.gov.scot/PlantHealth/PlantDiseases

For Northern Ireland, contact the DAERA Plant Health Inspection Branch:
Tel: 0300 200 7847
Email: planthealth@daera-ni.gov.uk
Web: www.daera-ni.gov.uk