

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



Fig. 1. Hop plants infected with CBCVd exhibiting stunted growth. Picture by kind permission of Dr Sebastjan Radišek



Fig. 2. (left) Hop plants affected with CBCVd showing reduced cone size (healthy on right for comparison). Pictures by kind permission of Dr Sebastjan Radišek

- 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 suspect the presence of the pest, 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: 0300 1000 313 (please select option 3 when calling)

Email: planthealth.info@apha.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: 0300 200 7847

Email: planthealth@daera-ni.gov.uk

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