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Dear Sir/Madam,

RE: UK Policy recommendation for *Euzophera bigella*

I am writing to seek your views on a UK policy position regarding *Euzophera bigella*. *E. bigella* is a moth found in much of Europe and parts of Asia whose larvae feed inside a variety of fruit and under the bark of a number of tree species. Following the rapid screen of *E. bigella* via the UK Plant Health Risk Register, this PRA was requested to further assess the potential risk to the UK.

Given the wide host range and presence in Europe, combined with the UK's climatic conditions it is considered too cool for major impacts to occur. It is the recommendation of the Plant Health Risk Group (PHRG) that statutory action be taken on interceptions of this organism but that action in the wider environment would prove challenging and that introducing measures on fruit and growing trees from Europe would prove difficult to justify against the proportionate risk posed to the UK.

A link to the PRAs can be found below:

<https://planthealthportal.defra.gov.uk/pests-and-diseases/pest-risk-analyses/>

We welcome your views and comments on the proposed recommendation. We are contacting stakeholders, but are aware that this is not exhaustive, so if there is any organisation that you think would like to contribute then please make them aware of the letter and ask them to contact Defra using the details below.

Responses should be received by **3rd August 2018**.

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).



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Yours sincerely,

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