

Plant Passporting Updates No.14: November 2018

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Xylella fastidiosa

With the recent finds of *X. fastidiosa* in traded olive, new measures have been introduced through the Plant Health England (Amendment) (No.5) Order 2018, which will take effect on 26th November 2018.

The Order will extend the statutory notification scheme for imports of certain tree species from other EU member states to include *Olea europaea* (common olive) to provide additional protection against the introduction of *Xylella fastidiosa*.

- More information and how to notify APHA can be found on [GOV.UK](https://www.gov.uk)
 - [Latest Defra pest alert](#)
 - [Full list of host plants](#)
 - [Details on the disease](#)
 - A handy short summary of [Xylella high risk hosts](#) to help with sourcing decisions
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New Pest Alert

New Defra Pest Alert on [Bemisia tabaci \(Tobacco whitefly\)](#) and Poinsettia crops, following issues earlier in 2018 with supply of young Poinsettia plants and other interceptions made of the pest entering the UK protected zone

Latest pests and diseases on Plant Health Risk Register

Tree Pests:

- [Rusticoclytus rusticus](#) – grey tiger longhorn, a polyphagous beetle of broadleaved trees.
- [Platypus quercivorus & Raffaelea quercivora](#) – Japanese oak wilt and its vector, damaging oak species.
- [Melittomma sericeum](#) – Chestnut timberworm, a wood-boring beetle of oak, chestnut and elm.
- [Elsinoe coryli](#) – hazelnut spot anthracnose, a fungal disease of hazelnut.
- [Pseudomonas syringae pv. Ulmi](#) – bacterial leaf spot, a bacterial disease of elm.
- [Chionaspis pinifoliae](#) – pine needle scale, a scale insect of pine.

Crop Pests:

- [Aleurocanthus camelliae](#) – tea spiny whitefly, a pest of tea and other camellia species.

Pests recently reviewed on the Risk Register:

- [Aproceros leucopoda](#) – elm zig-zag sawfly, a defoliating pest of elm.

- [Tomato chlorosis virus](#) – ToCV, a virus of tomato spread by whiteflies

Get in touch

Always check your plants for symptoms. If you suspect disease, or have any queries, please speak to your local plant inspector or contact PHSI HQ (planthealth.info@apha.gov.uk or 01904 405138).

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