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Dear Sir/Madam,

## **Rapid Pest Risk Analysis (PRA) on *Chilli veinal mottle virus***

I am writing to seek your views on a UK Pest Risk Analysis for *Chilli veinal mottle virus*. A link to the rapid PRA can be found at the website given below:

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

**We would welcome your views and comments on the PRA and the proposals for future action.**

In submitting any comments you may wish to focus on the summary, key uncertainties and conclusion sections of the risk assessments and to consider the following:

- Are any factual corrections required?
- Your view on the appropriateness of the suggested proposals for future actions?
- Can you provide any additional information (or links to other sources of information) that may help address uncertainty identified in the assessment/management measures?
- Are there any risks that have not been adequately considered?
- Have you reviewed the risk assessment and consider that you have nothing further to add?

This review applies to the UK and is being conducted by the UK Plant Health Services. The objective of this consultation is to gather views from all interested sectors on the UK position. We will take all comments made into account in developing the UK position.

## Background

*Chilli veinal mottle virus* (ChiVMV) is a Potyvirus that is widespread in Asia and infects solanaceous hosts, including pepper, tobacco and tomato. Infection by this virus is one of the limiting factors in the production of chilli pepper plants worldwide. ChiVMV is spread by grafting, mechanical transmission and aphid vectors, including aphid species that are present in the UK. It is expected that this virus could establish in the UK, since hosts of this virus are produced commercially as well as being present in the wild.

## Recommendations for action

The PRA concludes that statutory action against findings of this pest is appropriate, particularly against plants for planting. It also states that continued exclusion of the pest would be the preferred management option. *Chilli veinal mottle virus* meets the criteria for a quarantine pest and therefore GB regulation is proposed.

All responses should be sent to [plantpestrisks@defra.gov.uk](mailto:plantpestrisks@defra.gov.uk)

Responses should be received by **25 October 2022**.

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)

If you do not wish your response, including your name, contact details and any other personal information, to be publicly available, please say so clearly in writing when you send your response to the consultation. Please note that if your computer automatically includes a confidentiality disclaimer, this will not count as a confidentiality request. Please explain why you need to keep details confidential. We will take your reasons into account if someone asks for the information under freedom of information legislation. However, we cannot guarantee that we will always be able to keep those details confidential.

Yours faithfully

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