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RE: PEST STATUS AND MANAGEMENT OF *THAUMATOTIBIA LEUCOTRETA*, *NEOLEUCINODES ELEGANTALIS*, AND *XYLELLA FASTIDIOSA* IN KENYA

Reference is made to your letter ref;- **UPDATE ON UK DEPARTURE FROM EUROPEAN UNION (EU): CHANGES TO IMPORTS OF PLANTS AND PLANT PRODUCTS FROM 1 JANUARY 2021** informing us of the changes that will apply to imports into Great Britain.

Kenya wishes to provide the following information concerning the pest status of *Xylella fastidiosa* (Wells et al.) *Neoleucinodes elegantalis* and management of *Thaumatotibia leucotreta* relating to *Capsicum annum* and *Solanum melongena* in accordance with the options provided as follows:

- 1) **Point 94 (c) of Annex VII Part A of the Plant Health (Phytosanitary Conditions) (Amendment) (EU Exit) Regulations 2020:** Capsicum will originate in a place of production established by the NPPO in accordance with ISPM10 as a place of production that is free from *Thaumatotibia leucotreta* (Meyrick).
- 2) **Point 101 (a) of Annex VII Part A of the Plant Health (Phytosanitary Conditions) (Amendment) (EU Exit) Regulations 2020:** *Neoleucinodes elegantalis* is not known to occur in Kenya; the Crop Protection Compendium data sheet report for *Neoleucinodes elegantalis* of 2017 www.cabi.org/cpc/datasheet/36117, indicates the pest is not distributed in Africa; Bulletin OEPP/EPPO Bulletin (2015) 45 (1), 9-13 indicates that this pest is distributed in the neotropics. Surveillance carried out by the NPPO indicated absence of the pest in Kenya.

- 3) **Point 2 (a) of Annex VII Part B of the Plant Health (Phytosanitary Conditions) (Amendment) (EU Exit) Regulations 2020: *Xylella fastidiosa*** (Wells et al.) is not present in Kenya

We wish to assure you that Kenya will continue exporting high standard produce that comply with your phytosanitary requirements and conditions. We look forward to working with you as you exit the EU block.



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