

## UK pest status report for *Epitrix tuberis*

Field	Detail
<b>Pest species name</b>	<i>Epitrix tuberis</i> Gentner, 1944
<b>Pest taxon (order, family)</b>	Insecta: Coleoptera: Chrysomelidae
<b>Synonyms</b>	None
<b>Pest common name</b>	Tuber flea beetle
<b>Regulatory status</b>	Great Britain: Regulated quarantine pest Northern Ireland: Regulated by emergency measures
<b>Pest status in UK (as per ISPM 8<sup>1</sup>)</b>	Absent: pest not recorded
<b>Global distribution</b>	<b>North America:</b> Canada, United States of America. <b>Central America:</b> Costa Rica. <b>South America:</b> Ecuador
<b>Main hosts</b>	<i>Solanum tuberosum</i> (Potato) (Solonaceae), but also many other hosts some of which are of economic importance.
<b>Likelihood for establishment in UK</b>	Highly likely, hosts widely grown
<b>Website(s)</b>	<a href="https://gd.eppo.int/taxon/EPIXTU/hosts">https://gd.eppo.int/taxon/EPIXTU/hosts</a> <a href="https://planthealthportal.defra.gov.uk/pests-and-diseases/uk-plant-health-risk-register/viewPestRisks.cfm?cslref=20350">https://planthealthportal.defra.gov.uk/pests-and-diseases/uk-plant-health-risk-register/viewPestRisks.cfm?cslref=20350</a>

### References

**Gentner LG, 1944.** The black flea beetles of the genus *Epitrix* identified as cucumeris. Proceedings of the Entomological Society of Washington, 46:137-149.

<sup>1</sup> International Standard for Phytosanitary Measures (ISPM) 8 Determination of pest status in an area: <https://www.fao.org/3/x2968e/x2968e.pdf>