

UK pest status report for *Unaspis citri*

Field	Detail
Pest species name	<i>Unaspis citri</i> (Comstock, 1883)
Pest taxon (order, family)	Insecta: Hemiptera: Diaspididae
Synonyms	<i>Dinaspis annae</i> Malenotti 1916; <i>Dinaspis veitchi</i> Green & Laing, 1923
Pest common name	Citrus snow scale; orange chionaspis; white louse scale
Regulatory status	Great Britain: Not regulated Northern Ireland: Regulated quarantine pest
Pest status in UK (as per ISPM 8¹)	Absent: pest not recorded Intercepted on more than 80 occasions mainly from Central/South America and the Caribbean and association with plants and produce
Global distribution	Africa: Benin; Cameroon; Comoros; Congo; Congo (Democratic republic of); Cote d'Ivoire; Egypt; Gabon; Guinea; Madagascar; Mauritius; Niger; Nigeria; Senegal; Sierra Leone; Togo; North America: United States of America (California, Florida, Georgia, Louisiana); Mexico; Puerto Rico. Central, South America & Caribbean: Antigua and Barbuda; Argentina; Barbados; Bermuda; Bolivia; Brazil; Chile; Colombia; Cuba; Dominica; Dominican Republic; Ecuador; El Salvador; French Guiana; Grenada; Guadeloupe; Guyana; Haiti; Honduras; Jamaica; Martinique; Montserrat; Panama; Paraguay; Peru; Saint Lucia; St Kitts-Nevis; St Vincent and the Grenadines; Trinidad and Tobago; Uruguay; Venezuela; Virgin Islands (British); Virgin Islands (US); Asia: China; Indonesia (Inc. Java); Japan; Malaysia (Inc. West); Singapore; Syria; Vietnam; Yemen. Europe: Portugal (Inc. Azores). Oceania: Australia; Cook Islands; Fiji; Kiribati; Micronesia; New Caledonia; Niue; Papua New Guinea; Samoa; Solomon Islands; Tonga; Vanuatu; Wallis and Futuna Islands.
Main hosts	<i>Citrus sinensis</i> but also: <i>Ananas comosus</i> ; <i>Annona muricata</i> ; <i>Artocarpus heterophyllus</i> ; <i>Capsicum annuum</i> ; <i>Citroncirus</i> ; <i>Citrus</i>

	<i>limon; Citrus paradise; Citrus reticulata; Citrus trifoliata; Cocos nucifera; Fortunella; Hibiscus; Murraya paniculate; Musa x paradisiaca; Psidium guajava; Tillandsia usneoides; x Citrofortunella microcarpa</i>
Likelihood for establishment in UK	Unlikely. Suitable hosts are not widely grown
Website(s)	https://scalenet.info/catalogue/Unaspis%20citri/ https://gd.eppo.int/taxon/UNASCI https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/?uri=CELEX%3A32021R2285 https://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukdsi/2020/9780348213706/schedule/1 https://planthealthportal.defra.gov.uk/pests-and-diseases/uk-plant-health-risk-register/viewPestRisks.cfm?csIref=7641

References

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