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Situation of *Anoplophora glabripennis* in Belgium

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Status of report: Final

Name of pest: *Anoplophora glabripennis* (Motschulsky)

Status of pest: Absent: pest eradicated

Host(s) or article(s) concerned: Wooden packaging material imported from China

Geographical distribution: Two adult insects have been discovered in the province of West-Flanders end of July 2008.

Nature of immediate or potential danger, or other reason for reporting:

Regulated harmful organism for Belgium (Annex I, Part A, Section I of the Royal Decree of 10/08/2005 concerning measures against organisms harmful to plants and plant products) and the European Community (Annex I, Part A, Section I of Directive 2000/29/EC on protective measures against the introduction into the Community of organisms harmful to plants or plant products and against their spread within the Community).

Short description or summary:

The presence of the insects in a private garden was reported to the provincial control unit of the Federal Agency for the Safety of the Food Chain (FASFC) end of July 2008. Following the capture, the insects were sent for identification to the Instituut voor Landbouw- en Visserijonderzoek (ILVO), National Reference Laboratory of the FASFC.

The insects were likely introduced by wooden packaging material of blue stone imported from China, which arrived on the location some days before the capture of the insects. Typical tunnels were found on this packaging material, which did not carry the ISPM-15 mark.

All necessary measures were taken to trace the contamination, to prevent the spread and to eradicate the disease, according to the provisions in the Royal Decree of 10/08/2005 and in Council Directive 2000/29/EC.

The consignment was traced and appeared to be imported in Belgium from China via the Netherlands. Consequently, both countries were informed. The contaminated packaging material was destroyed by incineration. A surveillance zone of 1 km was established and visual inspection of host plants in this zone during 4 years is foreseen. So far, no new findings were reported. Temporary emergency measures are published in case finds on plants should occur in the near future (see additional file).

Additional files: National legislation of 24 October 2008: Ministerial decree of 24/10/2008 concerning temporary emergency measures against the Asian long-horn beetle *Anoplophora glabripennis* (Motschulsky). (Only in French/Dutch).

Additional links: http://www.afsca.be/sp/pv_phyto/mal-anoplophora_fr.asp (only in French/Dutch)