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Change of pest status

Blueberry scorch virus (BIScV) on Vaccinium corymbosum

Introduction

This report concerns an update report following the first official finding of BIScV in the Netherlands reported in November 2008. In 2008 one plant of *Vaccinium corymbosum* at one company was found infected with BIScV, as part of a specific survey. The affected plant was removed and destroyed. Since that time annual surveys have been carried out and a pest risk analysis was completed in October 2012 (see:

<http://www.nvwa.nl/onderwerpen/english/dossier/pest-risk-analysis/evaluation-of-pest-risks>).

At the beginning of 2013 one plant at another company was found infected with BIScV. No recent origin of the infection could be detected and it is presumed that BIScV has been present in the Netherlands for a longer period, albeit at a low level.

Based on the 2012 risk analysis and the presumption that this organism is also present in the EU (several records of findings in other Member States are available), no further measures are considered for this organism. The organism is not listed as a harmful organism in the EU directive 2000/29/EC and is listed on the EPPO A2 list. A certification system for propagation material of *Vaccinium corymbosum* has been set up by Naktuinbouw in the Netherlands. This certification system not only includes a zero tolerance for BIScV but also for several other viruses which can infect *V. corymbosum* (see also the PRA for a list of viruses).

Reason for reporting Updated situation.

Identity of the pest (scientific name) *Blueberry scorch virus* (BIScV)

Categorization of the pest EPPO A2

Location: not relevant.

Pest status

Present, few occurrences.

Phytosanitary measures

No further measures are taken.

References:

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