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Change of pest status

Fusarium foetens on Begonia plants for planting

Introduction

This report is a follow-up to earlier communication in 2002 (PRA of the Netherlands), following incidental findings of *Fusarium foetens* at nurseries of *Begonia*. At the time phytosanitary measures were aimed at eradicating this fungus from propagation material.

In 2011 an update PRA was completed (see <http://www.nvwa.nl/onderwerpen/english/dossier/pest-risk-analysis/evaluation-of-pest-risks>). Based on this PRA it was decided to stop further phytosanitary measures. The major producer of cuttings (80%) is registered with the Naktuinbouw quality certification system 'Elite'. Information on the set-up of this programme is available at <http://www.naktuinbouw.nl/en/topic/naktuinbouw-elite>. Other propagation companies apply similar quality systems to ensure pest freedom of the planting material.

Reason for reporting Updated situation.

Identity of the pest (scientific name) *Fusarium foetens*.

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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