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# PROTECTED ZONES FOR QUARANTINE PESTS IN THE EUROPEAN UNION

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- > EU plant health regime
- > Principles for protected zones in the EU
- Protected zone types
- > Trade requirements







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#### BASIC EU PLANT HEALTH LEGISLATION

From 14 December 2019:

## REGULATION (EU) 2016/2031 OF THE COUNCIL AND THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT

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REGULATION (EU) 2016/2031 OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT OF THE COUNCIL

of 26 October 2016

on protective measures against pests of plants, amending Regulations (EU) No 228/2013, (EU)

No 652/2014 and (EU) No 1143/2014 of the European Parliament and of the Council and repealing

Council Directives 69/464/EEC, 74/647/EEC, 93/85/EEC, 98/57/EC, 2000/29/EC, 2006/91/EC and

2007/33/EC





## Basic principle of the EU Treaty:

> FREE MOVEMENT OF PEOPLE AND GOODS IN ALL MEMBER STATES

## Challenge for harmonised plant health law

how to take into account specific needs for extra protection of certain areas against specified plant pests?





## REGULATED QUARANTINE PESTS

Lists of 250 regulated pests with different pest status:

- A. Pests not present in the Union territory
- B. Pests present but not widespread and under official control
- C. Pests present in EU but absent in specified areas

= "PROTECTED ZONES"



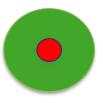


#### GENERAL PLANT HEALTH MANAGEMENT IN EU

- ✓ Multi-annual surveillance plan for 250 QPs
- ✓ Annual surveillance for 20 priority pests
- Outbreak notification
- ✓ ERADICATION = standard obligation for QPs

through 'demarcated areas'

- Infested zone
- Buffer zone



√ (CONTAINMENT = only if agreed at EU level)









#### LEGAL BASIS

- ✓ A PROTECTED ZONE for a specified regulated pest is an <u>officially defined geographical area</u> in the EU in which that pest is neither endemic nor established
- ✓ Pest known not to be present in that area although it is present in other parts of the EU
- ✓ The list of protected zones is laid down in a <u>legal</u>
  <u>act</u> and regularly updated

PZ HAVE BEEN RECOGNIZED IN THE EU FOR 31 PESTS





#### RECOGNITION OF PROTECTED ZONES

on request of the NPPO



based on 3 years survey results



demarcated territory



- by legal act, voted by all Member States





#### MAINTENANCE OF PZ

Specific annual surveys





Annual reporting

Commission audits

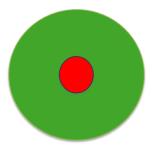






#### FINDINGS OF PEST IN PZ

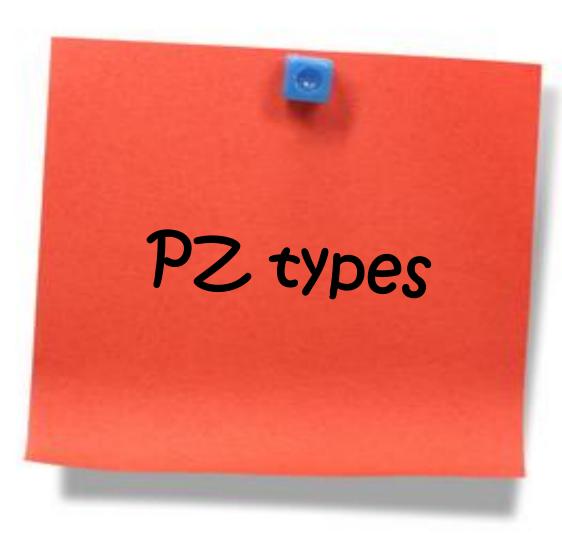
Establishment of a demarcated area



- No movement of host plants from demarcated area into the PZ
- If not eradicated within max 2 years (or along biology of the pest): revocation of PZ status







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#### TYPES OF PROTECTED ZONES

**❖** PZ = entire Member State

- PZ = uninfested part of a country within a generally infested area
  - often with natural isolation (e.g. by sea / mountains / area without hosts)





#### EXAMPLES OF PROTECTED ZONES IN EU

Finland = PZ for *Globodera pallida* 

Ireland = PZ for *Ips typographus* 

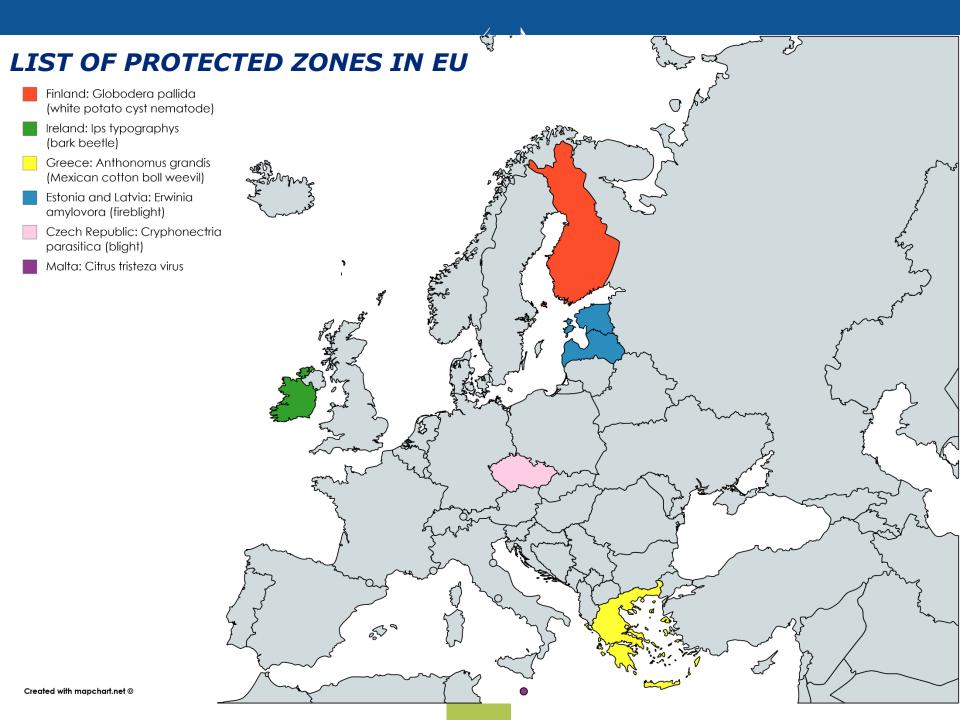
**Greece = PZ for** *Anthonomus grandis* 

**Estonia and Latvia = PZ for** *Erwinia amylovora* 

**Czech Republic = PZ for** *Cryphonectria parasitica* 

Malta = PZ for Citrus tristeza virus





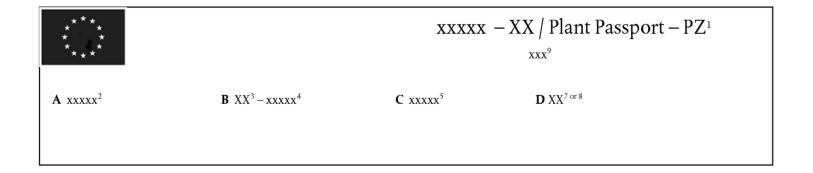






#### PLANT MOVEMENTS INTO & WITHIN PROTECTED ZONES

- Specific phytosanitary requirements for moving host plants into / within a PZ
  - internal movements: guaranteed by a "PZ plant passport" until final user



→ import: to be guaranteed by Phytosanitary Certificate (PC)





#### IMPORT INTO THE EU

## PEST FREE ORIGIN to be guaranteed:



## Standard options:

- 1. Pest free country
- 2. Pest free area
- 3. Pest free place of production // site of production
- 4. (Effective treatment)

#### **EU** acceptance if

- declaration based on ISPM application on PC (general)
- declaration by NPPO in advance of trade (specific cases)





#### **EXPORT TO NON-EU DESTINATION**



#### If "PEST FREE PRODUCTION" is the import requirement:

## **Options available**

- Depend from import requirement of country of destination
  - Pest free country
  - Pest free area // protected zone
  - Pest free place of production // pest free production side
- > if PZ or PFA based on IPPC standard: <a href="mailto:acceptance">acceptance</a>!?





#### **EU plant health information:**

## https://ec.europa.eu/food/plant

