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Follow-up pest report *Dryocosmus kuriphilus*Confirmation of eradication

Introduction

Eradication of *Dryocosmus kuriphilus* is confirmed following three years whereby no findings of the harmful organism were detected in the demarcated area, nor in any other parts of the Netherlands. This report is a follow-up report of a pest report issued in July 2010. The July 2010 pest report described the first finding of *Dryocosmus kuriphilus* Yasumatsu in five *Castanea sativa* plants in the Netherlands at a wholesale company located in Boskoop. The infested trees were found during a regular plant passport field inspection in one lot of 5 *Castanea* trees (4-5 m high), delivered in 2008 from a nursery in Italy (Toscana) accompanied with a plant passport. The harmful organism is regulated by provisional EU emergency measures (Commission Decision 2006/464/EC) and is listed on the EPPO A2 list.

Reason for reporting: Eradication.

<u>Identity of the pest:</u> Dryocosmus kuriphilus Yasumatsu

Categorization of the pest: Temporary EU measures (2006/416/EC); EPPO A2

Location: Boskoop

Pest status

Absent, eradicated.

Pest significance (detailed description)

<u>Date of finding:</u> The original finding was officially detected on 21 July 2010. Three successive specific surveys completed in 2010, 2011 and 2012 confirmed eradication.

Impact

Severity / extent of damage: Limited. At the time in 2010 in total 137 galls were detected on the five trees originating from Italy and investigated and most of them were empty. Two living female adults of the species were found. All trees were destroyed.

Host plants or articles concerned: Castanea sativa plants for planting at a tree nursery.

Phytosanitary measures

Following three years of successive surveys without any further signs of the harmful organism, all phytosanitary measures for the relevant demarcated area have been lifted. A specific survey for the Netherlands will continue.

References:

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