



November 2017 PEST Report - THE NETHERLANDS

1.1 UPDATE – Confirmation of eradication

First finding of *Viteus vitifoliae* on *Vitis* plants for planting in Kapelle open conditions – professional grower

1.2 Executive summary

Eradication is confirmed of a recent finding of *Viteus vitifoliae* on *Vitis* plants for planting at a professional grower in the Netherlands on 20 July, 2017. The plants were intended for the private market; part of the consignment has been sold. Backtracing revealed that all plants originated in two other Member States who have been informed. All plants have been destroyed. The organism is listed as a harmful organism in the EU directive 2000/29/EC (annex IIAII and IB (Cyprus)) and is listed on the EPPO A2 list.

Identity of the pest *Viteus vitifoliae* (Fitch)

Location: Municipality Kapelle, province Zeeland.

Reason of the notification: First report


How the pest was found: Backward tracing concerning a notification of non-compliance received from the UK.


Information on the infested area, severity and source of the outbreak


The plants had been imported from two different Member States three years ago. All remaining 2500 plants at the grower have been destroyed. The majority of the plants inspected showed symptoms in the root system of the plants. No symptoms or specimens were observed on the leaves. The plants had been grown in containers which stood on a tray on anti-root membrane; the membrane was checked and found intact. No penetration of roots, and subsequently the infestation, into the soil was observed. No specific area has been demarcated: only wingless specimens were found and dispersal into the surroundings is not expected. No other lots of *Vitis spp.* are present at the company.

Official phytosanitary measures: eradication: all plants of the consignment present at the grower have been destroyed. Re-usage of the (container) field for planting of or placing *Vitis spp* plants is permitted 14 days after removal of the infested plants. Forward tracing has been completed and one relevant Member State has been informed.

1.3 Type of notification	(4) closing note indicating the termination of the taken measures and the reasoning for such termination.
2.1 Single Authority	Notification from the National Plant Protection Organization of the Netherlands – Netherlands Consumer and Product Safety Authority
2.2 Official contact	M.B. de Hoop. +31651584878 Email: m.b.dehoop@nvwa.nl
3. Location of presence of harmful organism	3.1 municipality Kapelle, province Zeeland.
3.2 Map of the location.	
4. Reason of the notification and pest status	4.1 (1) First presence of the harmful organism - First report
4.3 Previous Pest status	(8) Absent: Intercepted

4.4 Current Pest status	(8) Absent: Pest eradicated
5. Information relating to the finding.	5.1 How the harmful organism was found. (6) information submitted by professional operators, laboratories or other persons. On 6 July 2017 the NPPO-NL received a notification from the United Kingdom concerning the finding of <i>Viteus vitifoliae</i> on <i>Vitis</i> plants purchased from the Netherlands. Tracing of the consignment and subsequent sampling led to the finding of infested plants in containers intended for the (non-professional) private market.
5.2 Date of finding. [is in de regel 5.6]	20 July 2017.
5.3 Sampling for laboratory analysis	The infestation was present on the roots. A sample was taken from roots showing galls. These samples contained specimens of the pest. 
5.4 Laboratory	NPPO of the Netherlands - National Reference Centre Mr. Anton T.C. van der Sommen. Tel: +31 65 124 7175 Email: a.t.c.vandersommen@nvwa.nl
5.5 Diagnostic method.	(2) Morphological identification of symptoms and specimens based on specific taxonomic literature.
5.6 Date of official confirmation of the harmful organism's identity	25 July 2017
6. Information related to the area, severity of the finding and source of the finding	6.1. (2) One consignment of 2500 pieces of <i>Vitis</i> plants was present at the grower which was found infested.
6.2. Characteristics of the infested area and its	Indication of one or more of the following options: (1) Open air – production area

vicinity.	(1.3) nursery - plants for planting
6.3. Host plants in the infested area and its vicinity.	<i>Vitis spp.</i> are the only host plant species. <i>Vitis spp.</i> maybe present in the vicinity, but, since the plants are in containers and only wingless specimens have been found, dispersal into the surroundings is not expected.
6.4. Infested plant(s), plant product(s) and other object(s).	<i>Vitis spp.</i> – plants for planting.
6.5. Vectors present in the area.	Not applicable.
6.6. Severity of the outbreak.	Official visual inspection showed relevant symptoms as well as specimens of the pest on the majority of the plants inspected, representing the 2500 plants that were still present at the grower. 
6.7. Source of the outbreak.	The consignment was imported from another Member State three years ago.
7. Official phytosanitary measures	
7.1. Adoption of official phytosanitary measures.	(1) Official phytosanitary measures in the form of chemical, biological or physical treatment have been taken plants.

	
7.2. Date of adoption of the official phytosanitary measures. In case of temporary measures, indication of their expected duration.	Eradication measures have been completed at the beginning of October 2017.
7.4. Objective of the official phytosanitary measures.	(1) eradication See 7.1.
7.5. Measures affecting the movement of goods. Indication of one of the following options	(2) measures do not affect import into or movement within the Union of goods.
7.6. Specific surveys.	Back- and forward tracing has been completed.
8. Pest risk analysis/assessment	(1) Pest risk analysis is not required (harmful organism is listed in Annex I or Annex II of Directive 2000/29/EC, or is subject to measures adopted pursuant to Article 16(3) of that Directive).
9. Links to relevant websites, other sources of information.	https://english.nvwa.nl/topics/pest-reporting/contents/pest-reports