



Ministry of Agriculture, Nature and
Food Quality

PEST REPORT - THE NETHERLANDS

First finding of *Puccinia ilicis* in *Ilex* spp in The Netherlands

Introduction

This report concerns the first official finding of *Puccinia ilicis* J.M. Yen & Zambett in *Ilex* spp. in the Netherlands. The origin of the finding is unknown, but the species may have already been present for several years before its detection. The fungus is known to be present in neighbouring countries. The organism is not listed as a harmful organism in the EU directive 2000/29/EC and is not listed on the EPPO Alert List.

Geographical distribution:

Widespread in many countries in the world. In Europe reported in many countries, for example in Belgium and Germany

Pest status in the Netherlands: Present

Host plant range: *Ilex* spp is the only host.

Pest significance

P. ilicis causes rust on *Ilex* spp. but no serious damage is reported.

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