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PEST REPORT

Phytophthora lateralis* in *Chamaecyparis

In 2005, an infestation of *Phytophthora lateralis* in *Chamaecyparis* plants was found in the Netherlands. The infestation was discovered during monitoring surveillance at a nursery where ornamental plants are grown. The infected *Chamaecyparis* plants and the neighbouring plants were destroyed. Where infected plants have been removed, a prohibition on planting of host plants was imposed for three years. Trade of *Chamaecyparis* plants from this nursery was put on hold.

All remaining *Chamaecyparis* plants in the nursery were inspected regularly in the six months after the finding and no additional infection was found. Trade of *Chamaecyparis* plants from this nursery was then allowed again. All measures were taken under supervision of the Netherlands Plant Protection Service. The source of the infestation was not found in further investigations. The nursery concerned did not import any plants recently.

Phytophthora lateralis is not listed as a quarantine organism in the EU, and its harmfulness was not assessed either by the EU. In an initial assessment carried out by the Netherlands Plant Protection Service this fungus was considered to be a possible phytosanitary risk. EPPO has carried out a full PRA for this fungus.

Officially declared pest status:

Absent, pest eradicated (2005), confirmed by survey.

Reference: NPPO of the Netherlands