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Update pest status

***Phytophthora lateralis* – completion of PRA and discontinuation of phytosanitary measures**

Introduction

Phytophthora lateralis Tucker & Milbrath is a soil borne pathogen of *Chamaecyparis* spp. and *Taxus brevifolia*. Under humid conditions, aerial infections can also occur. *P. lateralis* causes tree mortality of *Chamaecyparis lawsoniana*. *Taxus brevifolia* is an occasional host plant. The organism is not listed as a harmful organism in the EU directive 2000/29/EC and is listed on the EPPO A2 list. A full datasheet is available from EPPO, the European and Mediterranean Plant Protection Organisation (EPPO, 2009).

Following completion of a recent pest risk analysis in September 2013 the NPPO of the Netherlands has decided to put a stop to phytosanitary measures for this fungus. Since the first finding at a nursery of *Chamaecyparis* spp. in 2004 the Netherlands has applied phytosanitary measures in case of findings and completed annual surveys based on a preliminary pest risk analysis. Three new incidental findings in 2010 and 2011 as well as findings in France triggered a revised PRA which was completed in September 2013 (see <http://www.nvwa.nl/onderwerpen/english/dossier/pest-risk-analysis/evaluation-of-pest-risks>).

The main reasons for ending the measures are that the fungus is present in Europe at least since 1996 and there are indications that the fungus is more widely distributed than officially recorded. The origin of the last finding in the Netherlands in 2011 could not be traced to any specific source of infection. Findings in public green in France and the United Kingdom also suggest that the fungus may be wider distributed in Europe and eradication seems unlikely.

Reason for reporting Updated situation.

Identity of the pest (scientific name) *Phytophthora lateralis*

Categorization of the pest EPPO A2

Location: not relevant.

Pest status

Present, at low prevalence.

Phytosanitary measures

No further measures are taken.

References:

NPPO The Netherlands