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amending Implementing Regulation (EU) 2025/1082 as regards Potato virus S and Potato virus X as specified pests for unrooted cuttings for planting of *Calibrachoa* spp., *Petunia* spp. and their hybrids from Kenya

THE EUROPEAN COMMISSION,

Having regard to the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union,

Having regard to Regulation (EU) 2016/2031 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 26 October 2016 on protective measures against pests of plants, amending Regulations (EU) No 228/2013, (EU) No 652/2014 and (EU) No 1143/2014 of the European Parliament and of the Council and repealing Council Directives 69/464/EEC, 74/647/EEC, 93/85/EEC, 98/57/EC, 2000/29/EC, 2006/91/EC and 2007/33/EC ([1]), and in particular Article 42a(1) thereof,

Whereas:

(1) Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2025/1082 ([2]) establishes a derogation from Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2019/2072 ([3]) concerning the introduction into the Union territory of unrooted cuttings for planting of *Calibrachoa* spp., *Petunia* spp. and their hybrids from Kenya.

(2) On 3 July 2025, the European Food Safety Authority published an addendum to the scientific opinion regarding the risk assessment of unrooted *Petunia* spp. and *Calibrachoa* spp. plants from Kenya ([4]), as new evidence confirmed the presence of Potato virus S and Potato virus X in Kenya and included these viruses as pests relevant for the unrooted cuttings of *Petunia* spp., *Calibrachoa* spp. and their hybrids produced in Kenya.

(3) Non-EU isolates of Potato virus S and non-EU isolates of Potato virus X should be thus regarded as specified pests within the meaning of Article 1 of Implementing Regulation (EU) 2025/1082. Consequently, and for reasons of phytosanitary protection of the Union territory, the respective provisions of that Regulation concerning sampling, molecular testing and inspections of the specified plants should also address the risk of those viruses.

(4) Implementing Regulation (EU) 2025/1082 should therefore be amended accordingly.

(5) The measures provided for in this Regulation are in accordance with the opinion of the of the Standing Committee on Plants, Animals, Food and Feed,

([1]) OJ L 317, 23.11.2016, p. 4, ELI: http://data.europa.eu/eli/reg/2016/2031/oj.

([2]) Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2025/1082 of 2 June 2025 establishing a derogation from Implementing Regulation (EU) 2019/2072 concerning the introduction into the Union territory of unrooted cuttings for planting of *Calibrachoa* spp., *Petunia* spp. and their hybrids from Kenya (OJ L, 2025/1082, 3.6.2025, ELI: http://data.europa.eu/eli/reg_impl/2025/1082/oj).

([3]) Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2019/2072 of 28 November 2019 establishing uniform conditions for the implementation of Regulation (EU) 2016/2031 of the European Parliament and the Council, as regards protective measures against pests of plants, and repealing Commission Regulation (EC) No 690/2008 and amending Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2018/2019 (OJ L 319, 10.12.2019, p. 1, ELI: http://data.europa.eu/eli/reg_impl/2019/2072/oj).

([4]) EFSA Panel on Plant Health, 2024, Commodity risk assessment of *Petunia* spp. and *Calibrachoa* spp. unrooted cuttings from Kenya. *EFSA Journal* 2024;22:e8742. https://doi.org/10.2903/j.efsa.2024.8742.

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

Amendment of Implementing Regulation (EU) 2025/1082

Implementing Regulation (EU) 2025/1082 is amended as follows:

(1) in Article 1, point (1) is replaced by the following:

'(1) 'specified pests' means *Aleurodicus dispersus* Russell, *Bemisia tabaci* Genn. (non-European population), Cowpea mild mottle virus, *Liriomyza huidobrensis* (Blanchard), *Liriomyza sativae* Blanchard, *Liriomyza trifolii* (Burgess), *Nipaecoccus viridis* (Newstead), Pepper veinal mottle virus, Potato leafroll virus, Potato virus S (non-EU isolates), Potato virus X (non-EU isolates), *Ralstonia pseudosolanacearum* Safni *et al*., *Ralstonia solanacearum* (Smith) Yabuuchi *et al*. Emend. Safni *et al*., *Scirtothrips dorsalis* Hood, *Tetranychus neocaledonicus* André, Tomato mild mottle virus and Tomato yellow ring virus;';

(2) in Article 3(4), the first subparagraph is replaced by the following:

'Plants that are directly rooted or grown from the specified plants shall be kept separated from any other plant susceptible to the specified pests. They shall be subjected to official inspections at least once before they are moved for the first time out of the premises of the professional operator concerned and as close as possible to the time of their movement. Those inspections shall include, in case of suspicion of infection, sampling and molecular testing for Cowpea mild mottle virus, Pepper veinal mottle virus, Potato leafroll virus, Potato virus S (non-EU isolates), Potato virus X (non-EU isolates), Tomato mild mottle virus and Tomato yellow ring virus.';

(3) Annex I is amended as follows:

(a) point 1(b)(vi) is replaced by the following:

'(vi) subject to molecular testing for the detection of Cowpea mild mottle virus, Pepper veinal mottle virus, Potato leafroll virus, Potato virus S (non-EU isolates), Potato virus X (non-EU isolates), Tomato mild mottle virus and Tomato yellow ring virus at least once before the first lot of unrooted cuttings is exported to the Union during that production cycle or more frequently when *Bemisia tabaci* Genn. or aphids or thrips known to transmit viruses are found in the production site;';

(b) point 1(c)(i) is replaced by the following:

'(i) subject to an official inspection for the presence of the specified pests, by means of a sampling method allowing to detect at least a level of infestation of 1 %, with a level of confidence of 99 % in accordance with the International Standard for Phytosanitary Measures ISPM 31, including molecular testing for Cowpea mild mottle virus, Pepper veinal mottle virus, Potato leafroll virus, Potato virus S (non-EU isolates), Potato virus X (non-EU isolates), Tomato mild mottle virus and Tomato yellow ring virus in case of suspicion of infection;'.

Article 2

Entry into force

This Regulation shall enter into force on the twentieth day following that of its publication in the *Official Journal of the European Union*.

This Regulation shall be binding in its entirety and directly applicable in all Member States.

Done at Brussels, 6 November 2025.

For the Commission
The President
Ursula VON DER LEYEN