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**ANNEX – Part I**

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**EVALUATION PLAN**  
**FOR A MISSION TO BE CARRIED OUT**  
**TO GREECE**

**FROM 2 TO 10 FEBRUARY 2010**

**IN ORDER TO EVALUATE THE STATUS OF PROTECTED ZONES IN  
GREECE (FOLLOW UP), THE GENERAL SYSTEM OF SURVEILLANCE FOR  
HARMFUL ORGANISMS AND THE SITUATION AND CONTROLS FOR  
*RHYNCHOPHORUS FERRUGINEUS* (FOLLOW UP)**

**Note to the Single Authority**

The Evaluation Plan is designed to provide information on the scope and depth of the planned evaluation. It indicates the main areas that the evaluation team will wish to examine, and is intended to assist both national authorities and the FVO in the planning and preparation of the mission.

## **1. INTRODUCTION**

The mission will take place in Greece from 2 to 10 February 2010, as part of the Food and Veterinary Office's (FVO) planned mission programme.

The mission team, which will consist of two FVO inspectors and a national expert from a Member State, should be accompanied throughout the mission by a representative of the Single Authority.

## **2. OBJECTIVES OF THE MISSION**

The objectives of the mission are to evaluate:

-the actions taken by the responsible authorities in response to the recommendations of mission report DG(SANCO)/2009-8146 concerning the status of protected zones;

-the general system of surveillance for harmful organisms, in line with Council Directive 2000/29/EC and emergency Decisions issued by the Community;

-the actions taken by the responsible authorities in response to the recommendations of mission reports DG(SANCO)/2009-8146 and DG(SANCO)/2009-8353 concerning the situation and controls for *Rhynchophorus ferrugineus*.

## **3. LEGAL BASIS FOR THE MISSION**

The mission will be carried out under the general provisions of Community legislation, in particular, Articles 21 and 27a of Council Directive 2000/29/EC.

## **4. RELEVANT LEGISLATION**

A brief review will be undertaken of the national legislation in the sectors being evaluated, with particular reference to that which transposes the EC legislation relevant to the objectives of the mission, and to the manner of its implementation and enforcement.

The legislation relevant to the scope of the mission is included in the annex to this letter.

## **5. EVALUATION SCOPE AND DEPTH**

The evaluation team will pay particular attention to the ability of the Single Authority to deliver the required standards in the following areas:

### **5.1. Protected zones**

*5.1.1. Organisation of surveys: recommendation 8 of mission report 2009-8146*

- 5.1.2. *Recording system for survey results: recommendation 9 of mission report 2009-8146*
- 5.1.3. *Notification to the Commission: recommendation 10 of mission report 2009-8146*
- 5.1.4. *Use of plant passport valid for protected zones: recommendation 11 of mission report 2009-8146*
- 5.1.5. *Occasional official checks on regulated articles moved into or within the protected zones: recommendation 12 of mission report 2009-8146*
- 5.1.6. *Measures taken in case of outbreak within the protected zone*
- 5.1.7. *Greece's intention regarding continued protected zone status*

## **5.2. General system of surveillance for harmful organisms**

- 5.2.1. *Organisation of surveillance for areas considered as free from certain harmful organisms, if any, in relation to Articles 5(1) and 5(4) and Annex IV, Part A, Section II of Council Directive 2000/29/EC, in particular Points 2,8,9,10,12,13,15,16,19-1, 25,26-1, and 29*
- 5.2.2. *Organisation of surveys as provided by the emergency Decisions listed in Annex below*

## **5.3. *Rhynchophorus ferrugineus***

- 5.3.1. *Survey for *Rhynchophorus ferrugineus*: recommendation 1 of mission report 2009-8353*
- 5.3.2. *Notification of survey results to the Commission and the other Member States: recommendation 2 of mission report 2009-8353*
- 5.3.3. *Control measures for *Rhynchophorus ferrugineus*: recommendation 13 of mission report 2009-8146 and recommendation 3 of mission report 2009-8353*

**NB.** The mission team may modify these areas to respond to changes or the receipt of new information.

Copies of any recent and relevant national legislation and administrative provisions (e.g. circular letters, guidance) in relation to the scope of the evaluation should be provided to the FVO by **18 January 2010**.

## **6. MISSION PROGRAMME**

You are requested to submit to the FVO a draft itinerary for the mission by **18 January 2010**, which should include the following:

- an initial meeting between the inspection team and your services. At this meeting the objectives, procedures and itinerary for the mission will be confirmed and points included in section 5 above should be addressed. To facilitate the conduct

of the mission, it would be beneficial if your staff prepared presentations on the points included in section 5 above;

- a final meeting between the inspection team and your services. Time should also be allocated for last informal discussion on any outstanding issues, and a final presentation by the mission team of the main findings and conclusions.

### **6.1. Protected zones**

- meetings with plant health officials or other authorised persons (e.g. forestry service) in charge of the survey for protected zones from regions whose the whole territory is protected zone, where presence of host plants is of significant importance and preferably where one or several outbreaks have occurred in 2009;
- meetings with plant health officials or other authorised persons from regional or local services in charge of implementing control measures on outbreaks in the protected zones ;
- visit(s) of establishments or areas within the protected zones where surveys are carried out (e.g. nurseries, orchards, ornamental plantings, forests);
- visits(s) to outbreaks, where control measures can be observed and discussed with the involved parties;
- visit(s) to a nursery dispatching host plants of harmful organisms for which Greece is protected zone;
- visit(s) to dispatching center(s), retailer(s), wholesaler(s) etc., where relevant plants, plant products and other objects are/can be inspected during their storage, reloading, packing or trade;

### **6.2. General system of surveillance for harmful organisms**

- meetings with plant health officials or other authorised persons (e.g. forestry service) in charge of surveillance of areas considered as free from certain harmful organisms, if any, and in charge of the survey provided by emergency measures (apart from *Rhynchophorus ferrugineus*);
- visit(s) of establishments or areas where surveys are carried out;

### **6.3. Rhynchophorus ferrugineus**

- meetings with plant health officials or other authorised persons (e.g. forestry service) in charge of the survey and the control measures for *Rhynchophorus ferrugineus* from regions (apart Ilia Prefecture) where outbreaks occurred in 2009 and where the presence of host plants is of significant importance;
- meetings with plant health officials or other authorised persons (e.g. forestry service) in charge of the survey and the control measures for *Rhynchophorus ferrugineus* from Ilia Prefecture;

- visit(s) of establishments or areas where surveys are carried out (e.g. nurseries, urban or private areas, forests);
- visits(s) to outbreaks, where control measures can be observed and discussed with the involved parties

To minimise the travel time and number of visits necessary to cover the above, some visits to local offices and establishments can be combined in order to cover two or more of the main topics, mentioned above.

## **7. LANGUAGE TO BE USED DURING THE MISSION**

The language to be used during the course of the audit will be English; the Commission will provide interpreters.

## **8. LOGISTICS**

A representative of the Single Authority should accompany the mission team throughout the mission.

It should be appreciated if suitable accommodation could be arranged *in consultation with the lead inspector*, for the members of the mission team. The FVO should also be grateful, if you would confirm that a car and driver will be made available to assist the inspection team to carry out its mission. Please also consider the use of alternative means of transport (railway); the mission team will pay for their own tickets.

## **9. CONFIDENTIALITY REQUIREMENTS**

Subject to the provisions of Article 287 of the Treaty of Rome<sup>1</sup>, the final report of this mission will be made available to the European Parliament, Member States and consumers, according to the provisions of the FVO's Manual of Procedures.

## **10. PROCESSING AND DISTRIBUTION OF MISSION REPORT**

The draft report will be produced within 10 working days (where the findings indicate that urgent action is needed) or 20 working days (in all other cases) of completion of the evaluation. The SA will receive a copy of the translated draft

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<sup>1</sup> Article 287 of the Treaty of Rome: “The members of the institutions of the Community, the members of the committees, and the officials and other servants of the Community shall be required, even after their duties have ceased, not to disclose information of the kind covered by the obligation of professional secrecy, in particular information about undertakings, their business relations or their cost components.”

report for comments. Comments should be provided within 10 working days (where the findings indicate that urgent action is needed) or 25 working days (in all other cases) of receipt of the translated draft report.

The report will be finalised within 15 working days after receipt of the SA comments and will be published.

## RELEVANT COMMUNITY LEGISLATION

Reference number	Full title	Publication details
Council Directive 2000/29/EC	of 8 May 2000 on protective measures against the introduction into the Community of organisms harmful to plants or plant products and against their spread within the Community	OJ L 169, 10.07.2000, p. 01
Commission Directive 92/70/EEC	of 30 July 1992 laying down detailed rules for surveys to be carried out for purposes of the recognition of protected zones in the Community	OJ L 250, 29.08.1992, p. 37
Commission Directive 92/90/EEC	of 3 November 1992 establishing obligations to which producers and importers of plants, plant products or other objects are subject and establishing details for their registration	OJ L 004, 08.01.1993, p. 22
Commission Directive 92/105/EEC	of 3 December 1992 establishing a degree of standardisation for plant passports to be used for the movement of certain plants, plant products or other objects within the Community and establishing the detailed procedures related to the issuing of such plant passports and the conditions and detailed procedures for their replacement	OJ L 004, 08.01.1993, p. 22
Commission Directive 93/51/EEC	of 24 June 1993 establishing rules for movements of certain plants, plant products or other objects through a protected zone and for movements of such plants, plant products or other objects originating in and moving within such a protected zone	OJ L 205, 17.08.1993, p. 24
Commission Regulation (EC) No. 690/2008	of 4 July 2008 recognising protected zones exposed to particular plant health risks in the Community	OJ L 193, 22.07.2008, p. 01

Commission Decision 2002/757/EC	of 19 September 2002 on provisional emergency phytosanitary measures to prevent the introduction into and the spread within the Community of <i>Phytophthora ramorum</i> Werres, De Cock & Man in 't Veld sp. nov.	OJ L 252, 20.09.2002, p. 37
Commission Decision 2003/766/EC	Of 24 October 2003 on emergency measures to prevent the spread within the Community of <i>Diabrotica virgifera</i> Le Conte	OJ L 275, 25.10.2003, p. 49
Commission Decision 2004/200/EC	of 27 February 2004 on measures to prevent the introduction into and the spread within the Community of <i>Pepino mosaic virus</i>	OJ L 064, 02.03.2004, p. 43
Commission Decision 2006/133/EC	of 13 February 2006 requiring Member states temporarily to take additional measures against the dissemination of <i>Bursaphelenchus xylophilus</i> (Steiner et Buhner) Nickel et al (the pine wood nematode) as regards areas in Portugal, other than those in which it is known not to occur	OJ L 52, 23.2.2006, p. 34
Commission Decision 2006/464/EC	of 27 June 2006 on provisional emergency measures to prevent the introduction into and the spread within the Community of <i>Dryocosmus kuriphilus</i> Yasumatsu	OJ L 183, 05.07.2006, p. 29
Commission Decision 2007/365/EC	of 25 May 2007 on emergency measures to prevent the introduction into and the spread within the Community of <i>Rhynchophorus ferrugineus</i> (Olivier)	OJ L 139, 31.05.2007, p. 24
Commission Decision 2007/410/EC	of 15 June 2007 on measures to prevent the introduction into and the spread within the Community of <i>Potato spindle tuber viroid</i>	OJ L 155, 15.06.2007, p. 71
Commission Decision 2007/433/EC	of 18 June 2007 on provisional emergency measures to prevent the introduction into and the spread within the Community of <i>Gibberella circinata</i> , Nirenberg & O'Donnell	OJ L 161, 22.06.2007, p. 66
Commission Decision 2008/840/EC	of 7 November 2008 on emergency measures to prevent the introduction into and the spread within the Community of <i>Anoplophora chinensis</i> (Forster)	OJ L 300, 11.11.2008, p. 36