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COMMISSION IMPLEMENTING REGULATION (EU) 2026/1553

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amending Implementing Regulation (EU) 2022/1941 as regards the temporary prohibition of introduction into, movement within, holding, multiplication or release of certain pests in the Union territory

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 30(1) thereof,

Whereas:

(1) Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2022/1941 [2] lists the pests, which, pursuant to Article 30(1) of Regulation (EU) 2016/2031, are prohibited, for a limited time, from being introduced into, moved within, or held, multiplied or released in the Union territory.

(2) From January 2024 to December 2025, several Member States notified the Commission of the officially confirmed presence, in consignments of plants, plant products and other objects originating from third countries, of pests which are not listed as Union quarantine pests, protected zone quarantine pests or Union regulated non-quarantine pests, in accordance with Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2019/2072 [3], and are not regulated under Article 30(1) of Regulation (EU) 2016/2031.

(3) Measures have been taken by Member States, pursuant to Article 29(1) of Regulation (EU) 2016/2031, concerning *Copitarsia decolora* and *Lagria villosa*.

(4) *Copitarsia decolora* and *Lagria villosa* have been intercepted at the Union borders and large volumes of the host plants of those pests continue to be imported from third countries, where these pests are known to be present. *Copitarsia decolora* and *Lagria villosa* are not known to be present in the Union territory.

(5) In May 2023, Spain concluded a preliminary risk assessment for *Copitarsia decolora* for the Union territory. That assessment concluded that the pest fulfils the criteria for quarantine pests as set out in Section 3, Subsection 2 of Annex I to Regulation (EU) 2016/2031. It therefore meets the conditions for the adoption of the temporary measures provided for in Article 30(1) of that Regulation.

(6) In June 2025, the Netherlands concluded a preliminary risk assessment for *Lagria villosa* [4] for the Union territory. That assessment concluded that the pest fulfils the criteria for quarantine pests as set out in Section 3, Subsection 2 of Annex I to Regulation (EU) 2016/2031. It therefore meets the conditions for the adoption of the temporary measures provided for in Article 30(1) of that Regulation.

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

[2] Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2022/1941 of 13 October 2022 on the prohibition of introduction, movement, holding, multiplication or release of certain pests pursuant to Article 30(1) of Regulation (EU) 2016/2031 of the European Parliament and of the Council (OJ L 268, 14.10.2022, p. 13, ELI: http://data.europa.eu/eli/reg_impl/2022/1941/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] Quickscan Lagria villosa | NVWA-English.

(7) Based on those preliminary assessments, the Commission considers that *Copitarsia decolora* and *Lagria villosa* present a high phytosanitary risk for the Union territory. It is also considered that there exists an imminent danger of entry of those pests into the Union territory. However, further risk assessments are required to ascertain whether *Copitarsia decolora* and *Lagria villosa* qualify as Union quarantine pests and are to be listed in Annex II to Implementing Regulation (EU) 2019/2072.

(8) It is thus appropriate to prohibit, for a limited time, the introduction into, movement within, holding, multiplication and release in the Union territory of *Copitarsia decolora* and *Lagria villosa*, until a full risk analysis has been carried out. That temporary prohibition should apply until 30 June 2031.

(9) *Chloridea virescens*, *Homona magnanima* and *Spodoptera ornithogalli* are listed in the Annex to Implementing Regulation (EU) 2022/1941 as pests prohibited from being introduced into, moved within, or held, multiplied or released in the Union territory until 31 May 2027. It is appropriate to extend the expiry date for the listing of those pests in the Annex to Implementing Regulation (EU) 2022/1941, up to 31 May 2030, to ensure the completion, by that date, the assessment of whether they should be listed as Union quarantine pests in Annex II to Implementing Regulation (EU) 2019/2072.

(10) The Annex to Implementing Regulation (EU) 2022/1941 should therefore be amended accordingly.

(11) The provisions of this Regulation are in accordance with the opinion of the Standing Committee on Plants, Animals, Food and Feed,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

Amendments to Implementing Regulation (EU) 2022/1941

The Annex to Implementing Regulation (EU) 2022/1941 is replaced by the text set out in the Annex to this Regulation.

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, 9 July 2026.

For the Commission
The President
Ursula VON DER LEYEN

ANNEX

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List of pests subject to the prohibition referred to in Article 1:

	Pest genus or species with their EPPO codes	Expiry date of the prohibition
1.	*Chloridea virescens* Fabricius [HELIVI]	31 May 2030
2.	*Copitarsia decolora* Guenée [COPITU]	30 June 2031
3.	*Homona magnanima* Dyakonov [HOMOMA]	31 May 2030
4.	*Lagria villosa* Fabricius [LAGRVL]	30 June 2031
5.	*Resseliella citrifrugis* Jiang [RESSCI]	31 May 2027
6.	*Spodoptera ornithogalli* Guenée [PRODOR]	31 May 2030'