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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 the second subparagraph of Article 22(3) and Article 23(3) thereof,

Whereas:

(1) Article 22 of Regulation (EU) 2016/2031 establishes the obligations for Member States to carry out risk-based surveys for the presence of Union quarantine pests and signs and symptoms of any pest subject to the measures referred to in Article 29 or to measures adopted pursuant to Article 30(1), in areas where the pests concerned were not known to be present, and to report to the Commission and the other Member States each year the results of these surveys.

(2) Likewise, Article 24 of Regulation (EU) 2016/2031 establishes the obligation for Member States to carry out annually the surveys of priority pests as set out in Article 22(1) and 22(2).

(3) Upon a request of the Commission, the European Food Safety Authority ('the Authority') has developed a toolkit for plant pest surveillance, with pest survey cards for Union quarantine pests and specific guidelines for a statistically sound and risk-based pest survey approach and specific information on surveys for specific pests. The aim of that toolkit is to assist Member States in survey designing and implementation to ensure a coherent approach across the Union territory.

(4) To ensure a uniform presentation of Member States' results of surveys, a standard format of the annual report should be adopted for all relevant pests, including instructions how to fill them in. That format should be based on the elements listed in

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Article 22(2) of Regulation (EU) 2016/2031 and on the applicable survey requirements set out by the implementing acts adopted pursuant to Regulation (EU) 2016/2031 for specific pests, as well as on the respective pest survey cards and, where appropriate, specific guidelines, developed by the Authority for that purpose. In order to ensure a comprehensive approach, the format should cover the surveys on Union quarantine pests and pests subject to the measures of Articles 29 and 30 of Regulation (EU) 2016/2031, in those areas where the pests are not known to be present in the Union.

(5) However, there will be some pests for which certain implementing acts of Regulation (EU) 2016/2031 will require to carry out statistically based surveys. In the case of certain pests, Member States may decide to use the statistically based approach. It is therefore appropriate to establish a specific format for the statistically based surveys, because it would suit better the presentation of the elements of such surveys.

(6) That format of the multiannual survey programmes and the practical arrangements for the application of the elements set out in Article 23(1) of Regulation (EU) 2016/2031 to specific pest risks should be based on the experience obtained so far by the Member States with regard to the design, conduct, reporting and presentation of surveys and the Authority's pest survey cards and, where appropriate, the guidelines for specific pests on surveillance.

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

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

Format and instructions for the annual report on the results of surveys

1 The format and instructions for the annual reports submitted by the Member States to the Commission concerning the results of the surveys of pests provided for in Articles 22 and 24 of Regulation (EU) 2016/2031, are set out in Annex I to this Regulation.

2 In accordance with the format and instructions referred to in paragraph 1, the annual reports on the results of the surveys shall contain the following parts:

a Part I: General information on the results of the surveys;

b Part II: Presentation of the results of the surveys;

c Part III: Summary of the results of the surveys and the update of the pest status.

Article 2

Format for the multiannual survey programmes and the practical arrangements for the application of the elements concerning specific pest risks

1 The format for the multiannual survey programmes and the practical arrangements for the application of the elements set out in Article 23(1) of Regulation (EU) 2016/2031 to specific pest risks are set out in Annex II.

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2 The template of the multiannual survey programmes shall consist of the following parts:

a Part I: General information;

b Part II: Templates for the multiannual survey programmes.

Article 3

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, 27 August 2020.

For the Commission

The President

Ursula VON DER LEYEN

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ANNEX I

Format and instructions for the annual report of surveys provided for in Article 22 of Regulation (EU) 2016/2031

PART I

General information on the results of the surveys as referred to in point (a) of Article 1(2)

The template on general information on the results of the surveys as provided for in point (a) of Article 1(2) is the following:

General information on the results of the surveys of [year]

— Member State:

— Competent Authority:

— Contact person (name, job held within the competent authority, organisation name, telephone number and functional email account):

— Organisations taking part in the survey programme, including laboratories:

— Publically available summary of the results (between 500 – 3000 words):

  — *Short description of the scope of the programme for that year;*

  — *Short description of the methodology used for surveys, including any new or innovative technology (if relevant);*

  — *Total number of pests surveyed that year within the scope of Article 22(1) of Regulation (EU) 2016/2031*;

  — *Number of pests detected and officially confirmed, and follow-up measures taken;*

  — *Specific objectives of the programme achieved that year;*

  — *Link to the national website with more information (if available)*.

PART II

Format and instructions for the presentation of the results of the surveys, as referred to in point (b) of Article 1(2)

The templates and instructions on the presentation of the results of the surveys as provided for in point (b) of Article 1(2) are the following:

1. **Elements of the annual report concerning Union quarantine pests and pests subject to the measures of Articles 29 and 30 of Regulation (EU)2016/2031, in areas where those pests are not known to be present**

1.1. Template

"Report of annual results of the surveys of [year] for Union quarantine pests and pests subject to the measures of Articles 29 and 30 of Regulation (EU) 2016/2031, in areas where those pests are not known to be present

1. Pest surveyed	2. Pest status	3. Geographical location	4. Surveyed sites	5. Risk areas	6. Target area	7. Survey period	8. Period of	9. Host	10. Timing	11. Survey details: **A) Number of visual examinations, per group when applicable B) Total**	Findings/ Outbreaks **(to be**	14. Comments

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in groups											**number of samplesC) Number of asymptomatic samples, when applicableD) Type of traps (or other alternative method (e.g. sweep nets))E) Number of traps (or other alternative method)F) Number of trapping sites (when different from number of traps or alternative method)G) Type of tests (e.g. microscopic identification, PCR, ELISA, etc.)H) Total number of testsI) Other measures (e.g. sniffer dogs, drones, helicopters, awareness raising campaigns etc.)J) Number of other measures**											**linked with EUROPHYT-*Outbreaks*)**			
																							12. Number of positive results per the pest	13. Notification number(s) of outbreaks, in accordance with Implementing Regulation (EU) 2019/1715	
											A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J				
																							Number(s)	Date(s)		
Group 1 – Authorised places of production																										
Group n																										
	Pest 1																									
	Pest 2																									
	Pest 3																									
	Pest n																									

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1.2. Instructions on how to fill in the template

For column 1: With the exception of the ‘Group 1 – Authorised places of production’, it is optional to report per group of pests. When applicable, indicate the group of pests surveyed together (e.g. citrus pests, deciduous forest pests, coniferous forest pests, cereal pests, potato pests, other (please specify)). In those cases when a pest is included in several groups, please report the information for that pest accordingly in each group.