NAME OF THE ORGANISM: Candidatus Phytoplasma asteris (Aster yellows phytoplasma) (PHYPAS)

GENERAL INFORMATION ON THE PEST

Name as submitted in the project specification (if different to the preferred name):

Pest category:

Bacteria **1- Identity of the pest/Level of taxonomic listing:**
Is the organism clearly a single taxonomic entity and can it be adequately distinguished from other entities of the same rank?

Yes
Is the pest defined at the species level or lower?:

Yes
Can listing of the pest at a taxonomic level higher than species be supported by scientific reasons or can species be identified within the taxonomic rank which are the (main) pests of concern?

* Not relevant: Fruits (including hops) sector

Is it justified that the pest is listed at a taxonomic rank below species level?

Not relevant
Conclusion:

* Not evaluated: Fruits (including hops) sector

**2 – Status in the EU:**

Is this pest already a quarantine pest for the whole EU?

Presence in the EU:

Yes
List of countries (EPPO Global Database):

Czech Republic (2011); France (1976); Germany (1993); Hungary (1992); Italy (2010); Romania (1976); Spain (1999)
Conclusion:

Justification (if necessary):

Data of the presence of this pest on the EU territory are available in EPPO Global Database (<https://gd.eppo.int/>).

HOST PLANT N°1: Fragaria (1FRAG) for the Fruits (including hops) sector.

**CONCLUSION ON THE STATUS:**

Not evaluated: from the fruit Marketing Directive (see Terms of reference)