NAME OF THE ORGANISM: Botrytis (anamorphic genus) (1BOTRG)

GENERAL INFORMATION ON THE PEST

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

Botrytis spp.
Pest category:

Fungi **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?:

No
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?

* No: Oil and fibre plants sector

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

Not relevant
Conclusion:

* Not candidate: Oil and fibre plants sector

Justification (if necessary):

In the RNQP Questionnaire, for the 'Oil and Fibre plant' Sector, no EU MS justified a listing at a higher level than the species level. Some EU MS proposed to only list Botrytis cinerea on Helianthus annuus (HR), on Linum usitatissimum (HR, CZ) and on Cannabis sativa (HR). AT and CZ proposed to also add a new host plant for Botrytis: Carthamus tinctorius. DE made a general comment arguing that several species of the listed fungi for the Oil and Fibre Sector can cause damage. The SEWG considered that the listing should be done at the species level, in view of the specificity of the pest/host combinations. In absence of evidence or data for C. tinctorius, the listing of Botrytis cinerea on safflower is not recommended for RNQP by the SEWG. Evaluation continues for Botryotinia fuckeliana [Botrytis cinerea] on Cannabis sativa, Helianthus annuus and Linum usitatissimum.
For the 'Vegetable propagating and planting material (other than seeds) sector', FR supported a listing at the genus level, to cover Botrytis cinarea, B. squamosa, and B. allii on Allium cepa Aggregatum types and A. cepa. However the SEWG considered that a listing at the genus level cannot be justified. They decided to continue the evaluation more specifically for Botryotinia fuckeliana, Botryotinia squamosal and Botrytis allii on Allium cepa Aggregatum types and A. cepa.
For the 'Ornamental Sector', no EU Member State identified this entry as important and justified to keep this entry listed at a higher level than the species level. No EU Member State proposed to replace this entry by pests listed at the species level.

HOST PLANT N°1: Carthamus tinctorius (CAUTI) for the Oil and fibre plants sector.

Origin of the listing:

RNQP Questionnaire
Plants for planting:

Seeds **CONCLUSION ON THE STATUS:**

Disqualified: no justification for a listing at the genus level in view of the pest/host specificity. **8 - Tolerance level:**
Is there a need to change the Tolerance level:

No
Proposed Tolerance levels:

Not recommended for the RNQP status. **9 - Risk management measures:**
Is there a need to change the Risk management measure:

No
Proposed Risk management measure:

Not recommended for the RNQP status. **REFERENCES:**

* Biertümpfel A, Wurl G, Reinhold G & Schmatz R (2005) Leitlinie zur effizienten und umweltverträglichen Erzeugung von Saflor. Thüringer Landesanstalt für Landwirtschaft. Available at <http://www.tll.de/ainfo/archiv/safl1105.pdf>;