NAME OF THE ORGANISM: Shallot latent virus (SLV000)

GENERAL INFORMATION ON THE PEST

Name as submitted in the project specification (if different to the preferred name):
 
  
Pest category:
 
Viruses and viroids **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: Vegetable propagating and planting material (other than seeds) sector

Is it justified that the pest is listed at a taxonomic rank below species level?
 
Not relevant  
Conclusion:

* Candidate: Vegetable propagating and planting material (other than seeds) sector

**2 – Status in the EU:**
   
Is this pest already a quarantine pest for the whole EU?
 
No  
Presence in the EU:
 
Yes  
Conclusion:
 
candidate  
Justification (if necessary):
 
This pest was dentified in the Netherlands and Denmark, but similar viruses were recorded from England and France. It probably occurs world-wide (Bos, 1982). The pest has also been seen in Belgium, Czech Republic, Greece and Italy during reference searches.

HOST PLANT N°1: Allium cepa (ALLCE) for the Vegetable propagating and planting material (other than seeds) sector.

Origin of the listing:
 
RNQP Questionnaire  
Plants for planting:
 
Plants intended for planting **3 - Is the pest already listed in a PM4 standard on the concerned host plant?**
 
No 
Conclusion:
 
Evaluation continues **4 - Are the listed plants for planting the main\* pathway for the "pest/host/intended use" combination? (\*: significant compared to others):**
 
Yes 
Conclusion:
 
Candidate  
 
Justification:
 
SLV has been isolated from onion (Bos, 1982) but no further details or references are available, so it does not appear to be a major host. This virus is transmissible in a non-persistent manner by Myzus ascalonicus and perhaps by Aphis fabae, but not by M. persicae (Bos, 1982; Brunt et al., 1996) from other infected Allium crops or overwintered discarded plants. Material can be cleaned of infection by combining in vitro thermotherapy and meristem culture.  
In conclusion, onions are usually grown from seed or sets and therefore infected sets are a pathway if not produced under secure-aphid free conditions. If cultivation, removal of discarded overwintering bulbs, debris and aphid control precautions have been effectively carried out in the surrounding area, sets could be considered a significant pathway. **5 - Economic impact:**  
Are there documented reports of any economic impact on the host?
 
No  
Justification:
 
SLV has been recorded once in onion (Bos, 1982). No references to an economic impact of SLV in Allium cepa could be found. A potential economic impact is only foreseen in combination with other viruses (Loebenstein & Lecoq, 2012).  
What is the likely economic impact of the pest irrespective of its infestation source in the absence of phytosanitary measures? (= official measures)
 
  
Is the economic impact due to the presence of the pest on the named host plant for planting, acceptable to the propagation and end user sectors concerned?
 
  
Is there unacceptable economic impact caused to other hosts (or the same host with a different intended use) produced at the same place of production due to the transfer of the pest from the named host plant for planting?
 
  
Conclusion:
 
Not candidate  
Justification:
 
Experts concluded that Economic impact is considered acceptable. **CONCLUSION ON THE STATUS:**
 
Disqualified: economic impact is considered acceptable. The pest will be covered by the general 'substantially free from' requirement. **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:**

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