NAME OF THE ORGANISM: Bremia lactucae (BREMLA)

GENERAL INFORMATION ON THE PEST

Name as submitted in the project specification (if different to the preferred name):
 
  
Pest category:
 
Chromista **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  
List of countries (EPPO Global Database):
 
Austria (1981); Belgium (1981); Bulgaria (1981); Cyprus (1981); Czech Republic (2013); Denmark (1981); Finland (2011); France (1981); Germany (1981); Greece (1981); Hungary (1981); Ireland (1981); Italy (1981); Malta (1995); Netherlands (1981); Poland (1981); Portugal (1981); Romania (1981); Spain (1981); Spain/Islas Canárias (1981); Sweden (1981); United Kingdom (1981); United Kingdom/England (1981); United Kingdom/Scotland (1981); United Kingdom/Channel Islands (1981)  
Conclusion:
 
candidate  
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: Lactuca sativa (LACSA) for the Vegetable propagating and planting material (other than seeds) sector.

**CONCLUSION ON THE STATUS:**
 
Not evaluated: This pest/host combination was not identified by any EU MS in the RNQP Questionnaire as requiring a revision of current thresholds and or a revision of current management measures. This pest/host combination was not identified by the experts of the vegetable SEWG as being a candidate for the RNQP Status with specific tolerance levels and/or specific risk management measures. Experts recommended that this pest/host combination should be covered in the future by the 'substantially free from' requirement that will remain in the Vegetable propagating and planting (excluding seeds) EU Marketing Directives.  
Remark: Moreover a rapid evaluation seemed to show that plants for planting do not seem to be the main pathway for this pest/host/intended use combination.