NAME OF THE ORGANISM: Lepidoptera (1LEPIO)

GENERAL INFORMATION ON THE PEST

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

Pest category:

Insecta **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?

* Yes: Ornamental sector

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

Not relevant
Conclusion:

* Not candidate: Ornamental sector

Justification (if necessary):

When replying to the RNQP Questionnaire for the Vegetable reproductive and planting material (excluding seeds) Sector, no EU Member State identified this entry as important and justified to keep Lepidoptera 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.
For the Ornamental Sector, Finland is the only EU Member State that identified this entry as important and proposed to replace this entry by Helicoverpa armigera (for Pelargonium). Please refer to the summary sheet of H. armigera for additional information.

HOST PLANT N°1: Pelargonium (1PELG) for the Ornamental sector.

Origin of the listing:

Commission Directive 93/49/EEC
Plants for planting:

Plants intended for planting **CONCLUSION ON THE STATUS:**

Disqualified: Finland is the only EU Member State that identified this entry as important and proposed to replace this entry by a pest, Helicoverpa armigera, at the species level. No EU Member State gave justification(s) for a listing at a higher level than the species level. Please refer to the summary sheet of H. armigera for additional information. This entry will be covered by the 'Substantially free from' requirement that will remain in the Ornamental EU Marketing Directive. **8 - Tolerance level:**
Is there a need to change the Tolerance level:

No
Proposed Tolerance levels:

Delisting. **9 - Risk management measures:**
Is there a need to change the Risk management measure:

No
Proposed Risk management measure:

Delisting. **REFERENCES:**