NAME OF THE ORGANISM: Pythium (Wet rot) (1PYTHG)

GENERAL INFORMATION ON THE PEST

Name as submitted in the project specification (if different to the preferred name):
 
Wet rot  
Pest category:
 
 **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: Seed potato sector

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

* Candidate: Seed potato sector

Justification (if necessary):
 
For the Seed potato Sector, experts indicated that Pythium ultimum is mostly encountered. However experts concluded that more investigations and efforts to diagnose pest at the species level is needed. This would be necessary for a listing at the species level. As long as measures are only based on symptoms for this pest, a listing at the genus level is appropriate for this sector.  
For the Vegetable reproductive and planting material (excluding seeds) Sector, and for the Ornamental sector, no EU Member State identified this entry as important and justified to keep Pythium 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.  
[identification by France was an error] **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):
 
The pest is worldwide in distribution.

HOST PLANT N°1: Solanum tuberosum (SOLTU) for the Seed potato sector.

Origin of the listing:
 
5 - Seed potato sector: Council Directive 2002/56/EC  
Plants for planting:
 
Plants intended for planting, other than [true] seeds **3 - Is the pest already listed in a PM4 standard on the concerned host plant?**
 
Yes 
Conclusion:
 
Qualified  
 
Justification (if necessary):
 
Pest already listed in the EPPO PM 4 Standard under the dry/wet rot symptoms. **CONCLUSION ON THE STATUS:**
 
Recommended for listing as an RNQP, based on EPPO PM 4 Standard. **8 - Tolerance level:**  
Is there a need to change the Tolerance level:
 
No  
Proposed Tolerance levels:
 
 **9 - Risk management measures:**  
Is there a need to change the Risk management measure:
 
No  
Proposed Risk management measure:
 
 **REFERENCES:**

* UNECE (2014) UNECE Standard S-1 concerning the marketing and commercial quality control of Seed Potatoes. UNECE Guide to Seed Potato Diseases, Pests and Defects. Available at <http://www.unece.org/tradewelcome/steering-committee-on-trade-capacity-and-standards/tradeagr/brochures-and-publications/potato-diseases-and-pests.html>;