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**PLANT QUARANTINE ACT
(CAP. 433)**

Fruit Trees Propagation Material (Amendment) Regulations, 2025

IN EXERCISE of the powers conferred by article 32 of the Plant Quarantine Act, the Minister responsible for food has made the following regulations:-

1. (1) The title of these regulations is the Fruit Trees Propagation Material (Amendment) Regulations, 2025 and these regulations shall be read and construed as one with the Fruit Trees Propagation Material Regulations, hereinafter referred to as the "principal regulations".

Citation and scope.
S.L. 433.08.

(2) The scope of these regulations is to transpose Commission Implementing Directive (EU) 2025/145 of 29 January 2025 amending Implementing Directive (EU) 2014/98/EU as regards the Union regulated non-quarantine pests Tobacco ringspot virus, Tomato ringspot virus, *Pucciniastrum minimum* (Schweinitz) Arthur and Fig mosaic agent and correcting that Implementing Directive as regards measures concerning *Candidatus* Phytoplasma *prunorum* Seemüller & Schneider.

2. Schedule A to the principal regulations shall be amended as follows:

Amends Schedule A to the principal regulations.

(a) in the item "*Ficus carica* L.", the entries "Viruses, viroids, virus-like diseases and phytoplasmas" and "Fig mosaic agent [FGM000]" shall be deleted;

(b) in the item "*Vaccinium* L." immediately after the entry "*Godronia cassandrae* (anamorph *Topospora myrtilli*) Peck[GODRCA]" there shall be added the following new entry:

"*Pucciniastrum minimum* Sydow & P. Sydow [THEKMI]".

3. The table of Schedule B to the principal regulations shall be substituted by the following new table:

Amends Schedule B to the principal regulations.

"Genus or species"	RNQPs
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<i>Castanea sativa</i> Mill.	<p>Fungi and oomycetes</p> <p><i>Phytophthora ramorum</i> (EU isolates) Werres, De Cock & Man in 't Veld [PHYTRA]</p>
<i>Citrus</i> L., <i>Fortunella</i> Swingle and <i>Poncirus</i> Raf.	<p>Bacteria</p> <p><i>Spiroplasma citri</i> Saglio <i>et al.</i> [SPIRCI]</p> <p>Fungi and oomycetes</p> <p><i>Plenodomus tracheiphilus</i> (Petri) Gruyter, Aveskamp & Verkley [DEUTTR]</p> <p>Viruses, viroids, virus-like diseases and phytoplasmas</p> <p><i>Citrus cristicortis</i> agent [CSCC00]</p> <p><i>Citrus exocortis</i> viroid [CEVD00]</p> <p><i>Citrus impietratura</i> agent [CSI000]</p> <p><i>Citrus</i> leaf blotch virus [CLBV00]</p> <p><i>Citrus psorosis</i> virus [CPSV00]</p> <p><i>Citrus tristeza</i> virus (EU isolates) [CTV000]</p> <p><i>Citrus</i> variegation virus [CVV000]</p> <p>Hop stunt viroid [HSVD00]</p>
<i>Corylus avellana</i> L.	<p>Viruses, viroids, virus-like diseases and phytoplasmas</p> <p>Apple mosaic virus [APMV00]</p>

<i>Cydonia oblonga</i> Mill.	Viruses, viroids, virus-like diseases and phytoplasmas Apple chlorotic leaf spot virus [ACLSV0] Apple rubbery wood agent [ARW000] Apple stem grooving virus [ASGV00] Apple stem-pitting virus [ASPV00] Pear bark necrosis agent [PRBN00] Pear bark split agent [PRBS00] Pear blister canker viroid [PBCVD0] Pear rough bark agent [PRRB00] Quince yellow blotch agent [ARW000]
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<i>Fragaria L.</i>	<p>Bacteria</p> <p><i>Xanthomonas fragariae</i> Kennedy & King [XANTFR]</p> <p>Fungi and oomycetes</p> <p><i>Colletotrichum acutatum</i> Simmonds [COLLAC]</p> <p><i>Phytophthora cactorum</i> (Lebert & Cohn) J.Schröter [PHYTCC]</p> <p><i>Phytophthora fragariae</i> C.J. Hickman [PHYTFR]</p> <p>Nematodes</p> <p><i>Aphelenchoides besseyi</i> Christie [APLOBE]</p> <p><i>Aphelenchoides blastophthorus</i> Franklin [APLOBL]</p> <p><i>Aphelenchoides fragariae</i> (Ritzema Bos) Christie [APLOFR]</p> <p><i>Aphelenchoides ritzemabosi</i> (Schwartz) Steiner & Buhrer [APLORI]</p> <p>Viruses, viroids, virus-like diseases and phytoplasmas</p> <p><i>Arabis</i> mosaic virus [ARMV00]</p> <p>Raspberry ringspot virus [RPRSV0]</p> <p>Strawberry crinkle virus [SCRV00]</p> <p>Strawberry latent ringspot virus [SLRSV0]</p> <p>Strawberry mild yellow edge virus [SMYEV0]</p> <p>Strawberry mottle virus [SMOV00]</p> <p>Strawberry vein banding virus [SVBV00]</p> <p>Tomato black ring virus [TBRV00]</p>
<i>Juglans regia L.</i>	<p>Viruses, viroids, virus-like diseases and phytoplasmas</p> <p>Cherry leaf roll virus [CLRV00]</p>

<i>Malus</i> Mill.	<p>Viruses, viroids, virus-like diseases and phytoplasmas</p> <p>Apple chlorotic leaf spot virus [ACLSV0]</p> <p>Apple dimple fruit viroid [ADFVD0]</p> <p>Apple flat limb agent [AFL000]</p> <p>Apple mosaic virus [APMV00]</p> <p>Apple rubbery wood agent [ARW000]</p> <p>Apple scar skin viroid [ASSVD0]</p> <p>Apple star crack agent [APHW00]</p> <p>Apple stem grooving virus [ASGV00]</p> <p>Apple stem-pitting virus [ASPV00]</p> <p><i>Candidatus</i> Phytoplasma <i>mali</i> Seemüller & Schneider [PHYPMA]</p> <p>Fruit disorders: chat fruit [APCF00], green crinkle [APGC00], bumpy fruit of Ben Davis, rough skin [APRSK0], star crack, russet ring [APLP00], russet wart</p> <p>Tomato ringspot virus [TORSV0]</p>
<i>Olea europaea</i> L.	<p>Fungi and oomycetes</p> <p><i>Verticillium dahliae</i> Kleb [VERTDA]</p> <p>Viruses, viroids, virus-like diseases and phytoplasmas</p> <p><i>Arabis</i> mosaic virus [ARMV00]</p> <p>Cherry leaf roll virus [CLRV00]</p> <p>Strawberry latent ringspot virus [SLRSV0]</p>

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<i>Prunus dulcis</i> (Miller) Webb	<p>Bacteria</p> <p><i>Xanthomonas arboricola</i> pv. <i>pruni</i> (Smith) Vauterin <i>et al.</i> [XANTPR]</p> <p>Viruses, viroids, virus-like diseases and phytoplasmas</p> <p>Apple chlorotic leaf spot virus [ACLSV0]</p> <p>Apple mosaic virus [APMV00]</p> <p><i>Candidatus</i> Phytoplasma <i>prunorum</i> Seemüller & Schneider [PHYPPR]</p> <p>Plum pox virus [PPV000]</p> <p>Prune dwarf virus [PDV000]</p> <p><i>Prunus</i> necrotic ringspot virus [PNRSV0]</p> <p>Tomato ringspot virus [TORSV0]</p>
<i>Prunus armeniaca</i> L.	<p>Bacteria</p> <p><i>Xanthomonas arboricola</i> pv. <i>pruni</i> (Smith) Vauterin <i>et al.</i> [XANTPR]</p> <p>Viruses, viroids, virus-like diseases and phytoplasmas</p> <p>Apple chlorotic leaf spot virus [ACLSV0]</p> <p>Apple mosaic virus [APMV00]</p> <p>Apricot latent virus [ALV000]</p> <p><i>Candidatus</i> Phytoplasma <i>prunorum</i> Seemüller & Schneider [PHYPPR]</p> <p>Plum pox virus [PPV000]</p> <p>Prune dwarf virus [PDV000]</p> <p><i>Prunus</i> necrotic ringspot virus [PNRSV0]</p> <p>Tomato ringspot virus [TORSV0]</p>

<p><i>Prunus avium</i> L. and <i>Prunus cerasus</i> L.</p>	<p>Bacteria</p> <p><i>Xanthomonas arboricola</i> pv. <i>pruni</i> (Smith) Vauterin <i>et al.</i> [XANTPR]</p> <p>Viruses, viroids, virus-like diseases and phytoplasmas</p> <p>Apple chlorotic leaf spot virus [ACLSV0]</p> <p>Apple mosaic virus [APMV00]</p> <p><i>Arabis</i> mosaic virus [ARMV00]</p> <p><i>Candidatus</i> Phytoplasma <i>prunorum</i> Seemüller & Schneider [PHYPPR]</p> <p>Cherry green ring mottle virus [CGRMV0]</p> <p>Cherry leaf roll virus [CLRV00]</p> <p>Cherry mottle leaf virus [CMLV00]</p> <p>Cherry necrotic rusty mottle virus [CRNRM0]</p> <p>Little cherry virus 1 and 2 [LCHV10], [LCHV20]</p> <p>Plum pox virus [PPV000]</p> <p>Prune dwarf virus [PDV000]</p> <p><i>Prunus</i> necrotic ringspot virus [PNRSV0]</p> <p>Raspberry ringspot virus [RPRSV0]</p> <p>Strawberry latent ringspot virus [SLRSV0]</p> <p>Tomato black ring virus [TBRV00]</p> <p>Tomato ringspot virus [TORSV0]</p>
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<p><i>Prunus domestica</i> L., <i>Prunus salicina</i> Lindley, and other species of <i>Prunus</i> L. susceptible to Plum pox virus in the case of <i>Prunus</i> L. hybrids</p>	<p>Bacteria</p> <p><i>Xanthomonas arboricola</i> pv. <i>pruni</i> (Smith) Vauterin <i>et al.</i> [XANTPR]</p> <p>Viruses, viroids, virus-like diseases and phytoplasmas</p> <p>Apple chlorotic leaf spot virus [ACLSV0]</p> <p>Apple mosaic virus [APMV00]</p> <p><i>Candidatus</i> Phytoplasma <i>prunorum</i> Seemüller & Schneider [PHYPPR] Myrobalan latent ringspot virus [MLRSV0]</p> <p>Plum pox virus [PPV000]</p> <p>Prune dwarf virus [PDV000]</p> <p><i>Prunus</i> necrotic ringspot virus [PNRSV0]</p> <p>Tomato ringspot virus [TORSV0]</p>
<p><i>Prunus persica</i> (L.) Batsch</p>	<p>Bacteria</p> <p><i>Xanthomonas arboricola</i> pv. <i>pruni</i> (Smith) Vauterin <i>et al.</i> [XANTPR]</p> <p>Viruses, viroids, virus-like diseases and phytoplasmas</p> <p>Apple chlorotic leaf spot virus [ACLSV0]</p> <p>Apple mosaic virus [APMV00]</p> <p>Apricot latent virus [ALV000]</p> <p><i>Candidatus</i> Phytoplasma <i>prunorum</i> Seemüller & Schneider [PHYPPR]</p> <p>Peach latent mosaic viroid [PLMVD0]</p> <p>Plum pox virus [PPV000]</p> <p>Prune dwarf virus [PDV000]</p> <p><i>Prunus</i> necrotic ringspot virus [PNRSV0]</p> <p>Strawberry latent ringspot virus [SLRSV0]</p> <p>Tomato ringspot virus [TORSV0]</p>

<i>Pyrus</i> L.	Viruses, viroids, virus-like diseases and phytoplasmas Apple chlorotic leaf spot virus [ACLSV0] Apple rubbery wood agent [ARW000] Apple stem grooving virus [ASGV00] Apple stem-pitting virus [ASPV00] <i>Candidatus</i> Phytoplasma <i>pyri</i> Seemüller & Schneider [PHYPPY] Pear bark necrosis agent [PRBN00] Pear bark split agent [PRBS00] Pear blister canker viroid [PBCVD0] Pear rough bark agent [PRRB00] Quince yellow blotch agent [ARW000]
<i>Ribes</i> L.	Viruses, viroids, virus-like diseases and phytoplasmas <i>Arabis</i> mosaic virus [ARMV00] Blackcurrant reversion virus [BRAV00] Cucumber mosaic virus [CMV000] Gooseberry vein banding associated virus [GOVB00] Raspberry ringspot virus [RPRSV0] Strawberry latent ringspot virus [SLRSV0]

B 1984

<i>Rubus</i> L.	<p>Fungi and oomycetes</p> <p><i>Phytophthora</i> spp. de Bary [1PHYTG]</p> <p>Viruses, viroids, virus-like diseases and phytoplasmas</p> <p>Apple mosaic virus [APMV00]</p> <p><i>Arabis</i> mosaic virus [ARMV00]</p> <p>Black raspberry necrosis virus [BRNV00]</p> <p><i>Candidatus</i> <i>Phytoplasma rubi</i> Malembic-Maher <i>et al.</i> [PHYPRU]</p> <p>Cucumber mosaic virus [CMV000]</p> <p>Raspberry bushy dwarf virus [RBDV00]</p> <p>Raspberry leaf mottle virus [RLMV00]</p> <p>Raspberry ringspot virus [RPRSV0]</p> <p>Raspberry vein chlorosis virus [RVCV00]</p> <p>Raspberry yellow spot [RYS000]</p> <p><i>Rubus</i> yellow net virus [RYNV00]</p> <p>Strawberry latent ringspot virus [SLRSV0]</p> <p>Tomato black ring virus [TBRV00]</p> <p>Tomato ringspot virus [TORSV0]</p>
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<i>Vaccinium</i> L.	<p>Fungi and oomycetes</p> <p><i>Phytophthora ramorum</i> (EU isolates) Werres, De Cock & Man in 't Veld [PHYTRA]</p> <p>Viruses, viroids, virus-like diseases and phytoplasmas</p> <p>Blueberry mosaic associated ophiovirus [BLMAV0]</p> <p>Blueberry red ringspot virus [BRRV00]</p> <p>Blueberry scorch virus [BLSCV0]</p> <p>Blueberry shock virus [BLSHV0]</p> <p>Blueberry shoestring virus [BSSV00]</p> <p><i>Candidatus</i> Phytoplasma <i>asteris</i> Lee <i>et al.</i> [PHYPAS]</p> <p><i>Candidatus</i> Phytoplasma <i>pruni</i> [HYPPN]</p> <p><i>Candidatus</i> Phytoplasma <i>solani</i> Quaglino <i>et al.</i> [HYPSO]</p> <p>Cranberry false blossom phytoplasma [HYPPFB]</p> <p>Tobacco ringspot virus [TRSV0]</p> <p>Tomato ringspot virus [TORSV0]"</p>
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4. Schedule D to the principal regulations shall be amended as follows: Amends Schedule D to the principal regulations.

- (a) item 8 thereof shall be substituted by the following new item:

"8. *Malus* Mill.

- (a) All categories

Visual inspection

Visual inspections shall be carried out once a year.

- (b) Pre-basic category

Sampling and testing

Each pre-basic mother plant shall be sampled and tested 15 years after its acceptance as a pre-basic mother plant and with subsequent intervals of 15 years concerning the presence of

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RNQPs other than virus-like diseases and viroids listed in Schedule B, and in the case of doubts concerning the presence of RNQPs listed in Schedule A.

Requirements with regard to the production site, place of production or area

In the case where a derogation is allowed to produce pre-basic material in the field, under non-insect-proof conditions, pursuant to Commission Implementing Decision (EU) 2017/925, the following requirements shall apply concerning *Candidatus Phytoplasma mali* Seemüller & Schneider, *Erwinia amylovora* (Burrill) Winslow *et al.*, and Tomato ringspot virus:

i. *Candidatus Phytoplasma mali* Seemüller & Schneider:

- propagating material and fruit plants of the pre-basic category shall be produced in areas known to be free from *Candidatus Phytoplasma mali* Seemüller & Schneider; or

- no symptoms of *Candidatus Phytoplasma mali* Seemüller & Schneider are observed on propagating material and fruit plants of the pre-basic category in the production site over the last complete growing season, and any symptomatic plants in the immediate vicinity have been rogued out and immediately destroyed;

ii. *Erwinia amylovora* (Burrill) Winslow *et al.*:

- propagating material and fruit plants of the pre-basic category shall be produced in areas known to be free from *Erwinia amylovora* (Burrill) Winslow *et al.*; or

- propagating material and fruit plants of the pre-basic category in the production site have been inspected over the last complete growing season, and any propagating material and fruit plants showing symptoms of *Erwinia amylovora* (Burrill) Winslow *et al.* and any surrounding host plants have been immediately rogued out and destroyed;

iii. Tomato ringspot virus (ToRSV):

- propagating material and fruit plants of the pre-

basic category shall be produced in areas known to be free from ToRSV; or

- no symptoms of ToRSV are observed on propagating material and fruit plants of the pre-basic category in the production site over the last complete growing season, and any symptomatic plants in the immediate vicinity have been immediately rogued out and destroyed.

(c) Basic category

Sampling and testing

In the case of basic mother plants, which have been maintained in insect-proof facilities, a representative portion of basic mother plants shall be sampled and tested every 15 years concerning the presence of *Candidatus Phytoplasma mali* Seemüller & Schneider.

In the case of basic mother plants, which have not been maintained in insect-proof facilities, a representative portion of basic mother plants shall be sampled and tested every 3 years concerning the presence of *Candidatus Phytoplasma mali* Seemüller & Schneider; a representative portion of basic mother plants shall be sampled and tested every 15 years on the basis of an assessment of the risk of infection of those plants concerning the presence of RNQPs, other than *Candidatus Phytoplasma mali* Seemüller & Schneider and other than Tomato ringspot virus, the virus-like diseases and viroids, listed in Schedule B, and in the case of doubts concerning the presence of RNQPs listed in Schedule A.

Basic mother plants shall be sampled and tested every 20 years concerning the presence of Tomato ringspot virus.

Requirements with regard to the production site, place of production or area

i. *Candidatus Phytoplasma mali* Seemüller & Schneider:

- propagating material and fruit plants of the basic category shall be produced in areas known to be free from *Candidatus Phytoplasma mali* Seemüller & Schneider; or

- no symptoms of *Candidatus Phytoplasma mali* Seemüller & Schneider shall be observed on propagating material and fruit plants of the basic

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category at the production site over the last complete growing season, and any symptomatic plants in the immediate vicinity shall be rogued out and immediately destroyed;

ii. *Erwinia amylovora* (Burrill) Winslow *et al.*:

- propagating material and fruit plants of the basic category shall be produced in areas known to be free from *Erwinia amylovora* (Burrill) Winslow *et al.*; or

- propagating material and fruit plants of the basic category in the production site shall be inspected over the last complete growing season, and any propagating material and fruit plants showing symptoms of *Erwinia amylovora* (Burrill) Winslow *et al.* and any surrounding host plants shall be immediately rogued out and destroyed;

iii. Tomato ringspot virus (ToRSV):

- propagating material and fruit plants of the basic category shall be produced in areas known to be free from ToRSV; or

- no symptoms of ToRSV are observed on propagating material and fruit plants of the basic category in the production site over the last complete growing season, and any symptomatic plants in the immediate vicinity have been immediately rogued out and destroyed.

(d) Certified category

Sampling and testing

In the case of certified mother plants, which have been maintained in insect-proof facilities, a representative portion of certified mother plants shall be sampled and tested every 15 years concerning the presence of *Candidatus Phytoplasma mali* Seemüller & Schneider.

In the case of certified mother plants, which have not been maintained in insect-proof facilities, a representative portion of certified mother plants shall be sampled and tested every 5 years concerning the presence of *Candidatus Phytoplasma mali* Seemüller & Schneider; a representative portion of certified mother plants shall be sampled and tested every 15 years on the

basis of an assessment of the risk of infection of those plants concerning the presence of RNQPs, other than *Candidatus* *Phytoplasma mali* Seemüller & Schneider and other than Tomato ringspot virus, the virus-like diseases and viroids, listed in Schedule B, and in the case of doubts concerning the presence of RNQPs listed in Schedule A.

Certified mother plants shall be sampled and tested every 20 years concerning the presence of Tomato ringspot virus.

Certified fruit plants shall be sampled and tested in case of doubts concerning the presence of RNQPs listed in Schedules A and B.

Requirements with regard to the production site, place of production or area

i. *Candidatus* *Phytoplasma mali* Seemüller & Schneider:

- propagating material and fruit plants of the certified category shall be produced in areas known to be free from *Candidatus* *Phytoplasma mali* Seemüller & Schneider; or

- no symptoms of *Candidatus* *Phytoplasma mali* Seemüller & Schneider shall be observed on propagating material and fruit plants of the certified category at the production site over the last complete growing season, and any symptomatic plants in the immediate vicinity shall be rogued out and immediately destroyed; or

- symptoms of *Candidatus* *Phytoplasma mali* Seemüller & Schneider shall be observed on no more than 2% of propagating material and fruit plants of the certified category at the production site over the last complete growing season, and that propagating material and those fruit plants, and any symptomatic plants in the immediate vicinity shall be rogued out and immediately destroyed, and a representative sample of the remaining asymptomatic propagating material and fruit plants in the lots in which symptomatic propagating material and fruit plants were found has been tested and found free from *Candidatus* *Phytoplasma mali* Seemüller & Schneider;

ii. *Erwinia amylovora* (Burrill) Winslow *et al.*:

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- propagating material and fruit plants of the certified category shall be produced in areas known to be free from *Erwinia amylovora* (Burrill) Winslow *et al.*; or

- propagating material and fruit plants of the certified category in the production site shall be inspected over the last complete growing season, and any propagating material and fruit plants showing symptoms of *Erwinia amylovora* (Burrill) Winslow *et al.* and any surrounding host plants shall be immediately rogued out and destroyed;

iii. Tomato ringspot virus (ToRSV):

- propagating material and fruit plants of the certified category shall be produced in areas known to be free from ToRSV; or

- no symptoms of ToRSV are observed on propagating material and fruit plants of the certified category in the production site over the last complete growing season, and any symptomatic plants in the immediate vicinity have been immediately rogued out and destroyed.

(e) CAC category

Sampling and testing

Sampling and testing shall be carried out in the case of doubts concerning the presence of RNQPs listed in Schedules A and B.

Requirements with regard to the production site, place of production or area

i. *Candidatus Phytoplasma mali* Seemüller & Schneider:

- propagating material and fruit plants of the CAC category shall be produced in areas known to be free from *Candidatus Phytoplasma mali* Seemüller & Schneider; or

- no symptoms of *Candidatus Phytoplasma mali* Seemüller & Schneider are observed on propagating material and fruit plants of the CAC category in the production site over the last complete growing season, and any symptomatic plants in the immediate vicinity have been rogued out and immediately destroyed; or

- symptoms of *Candidatus Phytoplasma mali* Seemüller & Schneider have been observed on no more than 2 % of propagating material and fruit plants of the CAC category in the production site over the last complete growing season, and any symptomatic plants in the immediate vicinity have been rogued out and immediately destroyed, and a representative sample of the remaining asymptomatic propagating material and fruit plants in the lots in which symptomatic propagating material and fruit plants were found has been tested and found free from *Candidatus Phytoplasma mali* Seemüller & Schneider;

ii. *Erwinia amylovora* (Burrill) Winslow *et al.*:

- propagating material and fruit plants of the CAC category shall be produced in areas known to be free from *Erwinia amylovora* (Burrill) Winslow *et al.*; or

- propagating material and fruit plants of the CAC category in the production site have been inspected over the last complete growing season, and any propagating material and fruit plants showing symptoms of *Erwinia amylovora* (Burrill) Winslow *et al.* and any surrounding host plants have been immediately rogued out and destroyed;

iii. *Tomato ringspot virus* (ToRSV):

- propagating material and fruit plants of the CAC category shall be produced in areas known to be free from ToRSV; or

- no symptoms of ToRSV are observed on propagating material and fruit plants of the CAC category in the production site over the last complete growing season, and any symptomatic plants in the immediate vicinity have been immediately rogued out and destroyed; or

- symptoms of ToRSV have been observed on no more than 2% of propagating material and fruit plants of the CAC category in the production site over the last complete growing season, and those symptomatic plants have been immediately rogued out and destroyed."

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(b) item 11 thereof shall be substituted by the following new item:

"11. *Prunus armeniaca* L., *Prunus avium* L., *Prunus cerasifera* Ehrh., *Prunus cerasus* L., *Prunus domestica* L., *Prunus dulcis* (Miller) Webb, *Prunus persica* (L.) Batsch and *Prunus salicina* Lindley

(a) Pre-basic category

Visual inspection

Visual inspections shall be carried out twice a year with regard to *Candidatus Phytoplasma prunorum* Seemüller & Schneider, Plum pox virus, *Xanthomonas arboricola* pv. *pruni* (Smith) Vauterin *et al.* and *Pseudomonas syringae* pv. *persicae* (Prunier, Luisetti & Gardan) Young, Dye & Wilkie (*Prunus persica* (L.) Batsch and *Prunus salicina* Lindley). Visual inspections shall be carried out once a year for all RNQPs, other than *Candidatus Phytoplasma prunorum* Seemüller & Schneider, Plum pox virus, *Xanthomonas arboricola* pv. *pruni* (Smith) Vauterin *et al.* and *Pseudomonas syringae* pv. *persicae* (Prunier, Luisetti & Gardan) Young, Dye & Wilkie, listed in Schedules A and B.

Sampling and testing

Propagating material and fruit plants of the pre-basic category of *Prunus armeniaca* L., *Prunus avium* L., *Prunus cerasus* L., *Prunus domestica* L., and *Prunus dulcis* (Miller) Webb, shall derive from mother plants, which have been tested within the previous growing season and found free from Plum pox virus.

Pre-basic rootstocks of *Prunus cerasifera* Ehrh. and *Prunus domestica* L. shall derive from mother plants, which have been tested within the previous growing season and found free from Plum pox virus. Pre-basic rootstocks of *Prunus cerasifera* Ehrh. and *Prunus domestica* L. shall derive from mother plants, which have been tested within the previous 5 growing seasons and found free from *Candidatus Phytoplasma prunorum* Seemüller & Schneider.

Each flowering pre-basic mother plant shall be sampled and tested for Prune dwarf virus and *Prunus necrotic ringspot virus* 1 year after its acceptance as a pre-basic mother plant and with subsequent intervals of 1 year. In the case of *Prunus persica*, each flowering pre-

basic mother plant shall be sampled 1 year after its acceptance as a pre-basic mother plant and tested for Peach latent mosaic viroid.

Each tree planted intentionally for pollination and, where appropriate, the major pollinating trees in the environment shall be sampled and tested for Prune dwarf virus and *Prunus* necrotic ringspot virus.

Each pre-basic mother plant shall be sampled 5 years after its acceptance as a pre-basic mother plant, and with subsequent intervals of 5 years, and tested for *Candidatus* Phytoplasma *prunorum* Seemüller & Schneider and Plum pox virus.

Each pre-basic mother plant shall be sampled 10 years after its acceptance as a pre-basic mother plant, and with subsequent intervals of 10 years, and tested for RNQPs, other than Prune dwarf virus, Plum pox virus, *Prunus* necrotic ringspot virus and relevant for the species, as listed in Schedule B, and tested in the case of doubts concerning the presence of RNQPs listed in Schedule A. A representative portion of pre-basic mother plants shall be sampled and tested in the case of doubts concerning the presence of *Xanthomonas arboricola* pv. *pruni* (Smith) Vauterin *et al.*

Requirements with regard to the production site, place of production or area

In the case where a derogation is allowed to produce pre-basic material in the field under non- insect-proof conditions, pursuant to Commission Implementing Decision (EU) 2017/925, the following requirements shall apply concerning *Candidatus* Phytoplasma *prunorum* Seemüller & Schneider, Plum pox virus, *Xanthomonas arboricola* pv. *pruni* (Smith) Vauterin *et al.*, *Pseudomonas syringae* pv. *persicae* (Prunier, Luisetti & Gardan) Young, Dye & Wilkie and Tomato ringspot virus:

- i. *Candidatus* Phytoplasma *prunorum* Seemüller & Schneider:
 - propagating material and fruit plants of the pre-basic category shall be produced in areas known to be free from *Candidatus* Phytoplasma *prunorum* Seemüller & Schneider; or
 - no symptoms of *Candidatus* Phytoplasma *prunorum* Seemüller & Schneider are observed on propagating material and fruit plants of the pre-basic category in the production site over the last complete growing season, and any symptomatic plants in the immediate vicinity have been rogued out and

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immediately destroyed; or

- propagating material and fruit plants of the pre-basic category in the production site shall be isolated from other host plants. The isolation distance of the production site shall depend on regional circumstances, the type of propagating material, the presence of *Candidatus Phytoplasma prunorum* Seemüller & Schneider in the area concerned and the relevant risks involved as set out by the competent authorities based on inspection;

ii. Plum pox virus:

- propagating material and fruit plants of the pre-basic category shall be produced in areas known to be free from Plum pox virus; or

- no symptoms of Plum pox virus are observed on propagating material and fruit plants of the pre-basic category in the production site over the last complete growing season, and any symptomatic plants in the immediate vicinity have been rogued out and immediately destroyed; or

- propagating material and fruit plants of the pre-basic category in the production site shall be isolated from other host plants. The isolation distance of the production site shall depend on regional circumstances, the type of propagating material, the presence of Plum pox virus in the area concerned and the relevant risks involved as set out by the competent authorities based on inspection;

iii. *Pseudomonas syringae* pv. *persicae* (Prunier, Luisetti & Gardan) Young, Dye & Wilkie:

- propagating material and fruit plants of the pre-basic category shall be produced in areas known to be free from *Pseudomonas syringae* pv. *persicae* (Prunier, Luisetti & Gardan) Young, Dye & Wilkie; or

- no symptoms of *Pseudomonas syringae* pv. *persicae* (Prunier, Luisetti & Gardan) Young, Dye & Wilkie are observed on propagating material and fruit plants of the pre-basic category in the production site over the last complete growing season, and any symptomatic plants in the immediate vicinity have been rogued out and immediately destroyed;

iv. Tomato ringspot virus (ToRSV):

- propagating material and fruit plants of the pre-basic category shall be produced in areas known to be free from ToRSV; or

- no symptoms of ToRSV are observed on propagating material and fruit plants of the pre-basic category in the production site over the last complete growing season, and any symptomatic plants in the immediate vicinity have been immediately rogued out and destroyed;

v. *Xanthomonas arboricola* pv. *pruni* (Smith) Vauterin *et al.*:

- propagating material and fruit plants of the pre-basic category shall be produced in areas known to be free from *Xanthomonas arboricola* pv. *pruni* (Smith) Vauterin *et al.*; or

- no symptoms of *Xanthomonas arboricola* pv. *pruni* (Smith) Vauterin *et al.* are observed on propagating material and fruit plants of the pre-basic category in the production site over the last complete growing season, and any symptomatic plants in the immediate vicinity have been rogued out and immediately destroyed.

(b) Basic, Certified and CAC categories

Visual inspection

Visual inspection shall be carried out once a year.

(c) Basic category

Sampling and testing

i. Mother plants which have been maintained in insect-proof facilities

A representative portion of basic mother plants shall be sampled every 3 years and tested concerning the presence of Prune dwarf virus, *Prunus* necrotic ringspot virus and Plum pox virus. A representative portion of basic mother plants shall be sampled every 10 years and tested concerning the presence of *Candidatus* Phytoplasma *prunorum* Seemüller & Schneider.

ii. Mother plants which have not been maintained in insect-proof facilities

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A representative portion of basic mother plants, other than those intended for the production of rootstocks, shall be sampled every year and tested for Plum pox virus in order to have all plants tested within an interval of 10 years.

A representative portion of basic mother plants, intended for the production of rootstocks shall be sampled every year and tested concerning the presence of Plum pox virus and found free from that RNQP.

A representative portion of basic mother plants of *Prunus domestica* L. intended for the production of rootstocks must be sampled and tested in the previous 5 growing seasons concerning the presence of *Candidatus* Phytoplasma *prunorum* Seemüller & Schneider and found free from that RNQP.

A representative portion of basic mother plants shall be sampled and tested in the case of doubts concerning the presence of *Xanthomonas arboricola* pv. *pruni* (Smith) Vauterin *et al.*

A representative portion of basic mother plants shall be sampled and tested every 20 years on the basis of an assessment of the risk of infection of those plants concerning the presence of Tomato ringspot virus.

A representative portion of basic mother plants shall be sampled and tested every 10 years on the basis of an assessment of the risk of infection of those plants concerning the presence of RNQPs, other than *Candidatus* Phytoplasma *prunorum* Seemüller & Schneider, Prune dwarf virus, *Prunus* necrotic ringspot virus, Plum pox virus and Tomato ringspot virus, listed in Schedule B, and tested in the case of doubts concerning the presence of RNQPs listed in Schedule A.

— Flowering mother plants

A representative portion of flowering basic mother plants shall be sampled every year and tested for *Candidatus* Phytoplasma *prunorum* Seemüller & Schneider, Prune dwarf virus and *Prunus* necrotic ringspot virus on the basis of an assessment of the risk of infection of those plants.

In the case of *Prunus persica* (L.) Batsch, a representative portion of flowering basic mother plants shall be sampled once a year and tested for Peach latent mosaic viroid on the basis of an assessment of the risk of infection of those plants.

A representative portion of trees planted intentionally for pollination and, where appropriate, the major pollinating trees in the environment shall be sampled and tested for Prune dwarf virus and *Prunus* necrotic ringspot virus on the basis of an assessment of the risk of infection of those plants.

— Non-flowering mother plants

A representative portion of non-flowering basic mother plants which have been not maintained in insect-proof facilities shall be sampled and tested every 3 years concerning the presence of Prune dwarf virus, *Prunus* necrotic ringspot virus and *Candidatus* *Phytoplasma prunorum* Seemüller & Schneider on the basis of an assessment of the risk of infection of those plants.

(d) Certified category

Sampling and testing

i. Mother plants which have been maintained in insect-proof facilities

A representative portion of certified mother plants shall be sampled every 5 years and tested concerning the presence of Prune dwarf virus, *Prunus* necrotic ringspot virus and Plum pox virus in order to have all plants tested within an interval of 15 years. A representative portion of certified mother plants shall be sampled every 15 years and tested concerning the presence of *Candidatus* *Phytoplasma prunorum* Seemüller & Schneider.

ii. Mother plants which have not been maintained in insect-proof facilities

A representative portion of certified mother plants shall be sampled every 3 years and tested for Plum pox virus in order to have all plants tested within an interval of 15 years.

A representative portion of certified mother plants intended for the production of rootstocks shall be sampled every year and tested concerning the presence of Plum pox virus and found free from that RNQP. A representative portion of certified mother plants of *Prunus cerasifera* Ehrh. and *Prunus domestica* L. intended for the production of rootstocks have been sampled in the previous 5 growing seasons and tested concerning the presence of *Candidatus* *Phytoplasma prunorum* Seemüller & Schneider and found free from that RNQP.

A representative portion of certified mother plants shall be sampled and tested in the case of doubts concerning the presence of *Xanthomonas*

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arboricola pv. *pruni* (Smith) Vauterin *et al.*

A representative portion of certified mother plants shall be sampled every 20 years and tested on the basis of an assessment of the risk of infection of those plants concerning the presence of Tomato ringspot virus.

A representative portion of certified mother plants shall be sampled every 15 years and tested on the basis of an assessment of the risk of infection of those plants concerning the presence of RNQPs, other than *Candidatus* Phytoplasma *prunorum* Seemüller & Schneider, Prune dwarf virus, *Prunus* necrotic ringspot virus, Plum pox virus and Tomato ringspot virus, listed in Schedule B of Section IV, and tested in the case of doubts concerning the presence of RNQPs listed in Schedule A.

- Flowering mother plants

A representative portion of flowering certified mother plants shall be sampled every year and tested for *Candidatus* Phytoplasma *prunorum* Seemüller & Schneider, Prune dwarf virus and *Prunus* necrotic ringspot virus on the basis of an assessment of the risk of infection of those plants. In the case of *Prunus persica* (L.) Batsch, a representative portion of flowering certified mother plants shall be sampled once a year and tested for Peach latent mosaic viroid on the basis of an assessment of the risk of infection of those plants.

A representative portion of trees planted intentionally for pollination and, where appropriate, the major pollinating trees in the environment shall be sampled and tested for Prune dwarf virus and *Prunus* necrotic ringspot virus on the basis of an assessment of the risk of infection of those plants.

- Non-flowering mother plants

A representative portion of non-flowering certified mother plants, which have not been maintained in insect-proof facilities, shall be sampled every 3 years and tested concerning the presence of *Candidatus* Phytoplasma *prunorum* Seemüller & Schneider, Prune dwarf virus and *Prunus* necrotic ringspot virus on the basis of an assessment of the risk of infection of those plants.

(e) Basic and certified categories

Requirements with regard to the production site, place of production or area

i. *Candidatus* Phytoplasma *prunorum* Seemüller & Schneider:

- propagating material and fruit plants of the basic and certified categories shall be produced in areas known to be free

from *Candidatus Phytoplasma prunorum* Seemüller & Schneider; or

- no symptoms of *Candidatus Phytoplasma prunorum* Seemüller & Schneider are observed on propagating material and fruit plants of the basic and certified categories in the production site over the last complete growing season, and any symptomatic plants in the immediate vicinity have been rogued out and immediately destroyed; or

- symptoms of *Candidatus Phytoplasma prunorum* Seemüller & Schneider have been observed on no more than 1% of propagating material and fruit plants of the certified category in the production site over the last complete growing season, and that propagating material and those fruit plants, and any symptomatic plants in the immediate vicinity have been rogued out and immediately destroyed, and a representative sample of the remaining asymptomatic propagating material and fruit plants in the lots in which symptomatic plants were found has been tested and found free from *Candidatus Phytoplasma prunorum* Seemüller & Schneider;

ii. Plum pox virus:

- propagating material and fruit plants of the basic and certified categories shall be produced in areas known to be free from Plum pox virus; or

- no symptoms of Plum pox virus are observed on propagating material and fruit plants of the basic and certified categories in the production site over the last complete growing season, and any symptomatic plants in the immediate vicinity have been rogued out and immediately destroyed; or

- symptoms of Plum pox virus have been observed on no more than 1% of propagating material and fruit plants of the certified category in the production site over the last complete growing season, and that propagating material and those fruit plants, and any symptomatic plants in the immediate vicinity have been rogued out and immediately destroyed, and a representative sample of the remaining asymptomatic propagating material and fruit plants in the lots in which symptomatic plants were found has been tested and found free from Plum pox virus;

iii. *Pseudomonas syringae* pv. *persicae* (Prunier, Luisetti & Gardan) Young, Dye & Wilkie:

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- propagating material and fruit plants of the basic and certified categories shall be produced in areas known to be free from *Pseudomonas syringae* pv. *persicae* (Prunier, Luisetti & Gardan) Young, Dye & Wilkie; or

- no symptoms of *Pseudomonas syringae* pv. *persicae* (Prunier, Luisetti & Gardan) Young, Dye & Wilkie are observed on propagating material and fruit plants of the basic and certified categories in the production site over the last complete growing season, and any symptomatic plants in the immediate vicinity have been rogued out and immediately destroyed; or

- symptoms of *Pseudomonas syringae* pv. *persicae* (Prunier, Luisetti & Gardan) Young, Dye & Wilkie have been observed on no more than 2% of propagating material and fruit plants of the certified category in the production site over the last complete growing season, and that propagating material and those fruit plants, and any symptomatic plants in the immediate vicinity have been rogued out and immediately destroyed;

iv. Tomato ringspot virus (ToRSV):

- propagating material and fruit plants of the basic and certified categories shall be produced in areas known to be free from ToRSV; or

- no symptoms of ToRSV are observed on propagating material and fruit plants of the basic and certified categories in the production site over the last complete growing season, and any symptomatic plants in the immediate vicinity have been immediately rogued out and destroyed;

v. *Xanthomonas arboricola* pv. *pruni* (Smith) Vauterin *et al.*:

- propagating material and fruit plants of the basic and certified categories shall be produced in areas known to be free from *Xanthomonas arboricola* pv. *pruni* (Smith) Vauterin *et al.*; or

- no symptoms of *Xanthomonas arboricola* pv. *pruni* (Smith) Vauterin *et al.* are observed on propagating material and fruit plants of the basic and certified categories in the production site over the last complete growing season, and any symptomatic plants in the immediate vicinity have been rogued out and immediately destroyed; or

- symptoms of *Xanthomonas arboricola* pv. *pruni* (Smith) Vauterin *et al.* have been observed on no more than 2% of propagating material and fruit plants of the certified category in the production site over the last complete growing season, and that propagating material and those fruit plants, and any symptomatic plants in the immediate vicinity have been rogued out and immediately destroyed.

(f) CAC category

Sampling and testing

Propagating material and fruit plants of the CAC category shall derive from an identified source of material, of which a representative portion has been sampled and tested within the previous 3 growing seasons and found free from Plum pox virus.

CAC rootstocks of *Prunus cerasifera* Ehrh. and *Prunus domestica* L. shall derive from an identified source of material of which a representative portion has been sampled and tested within the previous 5 years and found free from *Candidatus* Phytoplasma *prunorum* Seemüller & Schneider and Plum pox virus.

A representative portion of propagating material and fruit plants of the CAC category shall be sampled and tested in the case of doubts concerning the presence of *Xanthomonas arboricola* pv. *pruni* (Smith) Vauterin *et al.*

A representative portion of CAC fruit plants not showing any symptoms of Plum pox virus upon visual inspection shall be sampled and tested on the basis of an assessment of the risk of infection of those fruit plants concerning the presence of that RNQP and in the case of symptomatic plants in the immediate vicinity.

Upon the detection of propagating material and fruit plants of the CAC category showing symptoms of *Candidatus* Phytoplasma *prunorum* Seemüller & Schneider in the production site by visual inspection, a representative portion of the remaining asymptomatic CAC propagating material and fruit plants of the CAC category in the lots where symptomatic propagating material and fruit plants have been found shall be sampled and tested concerning the presence of *Candidatus* Phytoplasma *prunorum* Seemüller & Schneider.

Sampling and testing shall be carried out in the case of doubts concerning the presence of RNQPs, other than *Candidatus* Phytoplasma *prunorum* Seemüller & Schneider and Plum pox virus, listed in Schedules A and B.

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Requirements with regard to the production site, place of production or area

(i) *Candidatus* Phytoplasma *prunorum* Seemüller & Schneider:

- propagating material and fruit plants of the CAC category shall be produced in areas known to be free from *Candidatus* Phytoplasma *prunorum* Seemüller & Schneider; or

- no symptoms of *Candidatus* Phytoplasma *prunorum* Seemüller & Schneider are observed on propagating material and fruit plants of the CAC category in the production site over the last complete growing season, and any symptomatic plants in the immediate vicinity have been rogued out and immediately destroyed; or

- symptoms of *Candidatus* Phytoplasma *prunorum* Seemüller & Schneider have been observed on no more than 1% of propagating material and fruit plants of the CAC category in the production site over the last complete growing season, and that propagating material and those fruit plants, and any symptomatic plants in the immediate vicinity have been rogued out and immediately destroyed, and a representative sample of the remaining asymptomatic propagating material and fruit plants in the lots in which symptomatic propagating material and fruit plants were found has been tested and found free from *Candidatus* Phytoplasma *prunorum* Seemüller & Schneider;

(ii) Plum pox virus:

- propagating material and fruit plants of the CAC category shall be produced in areas known to be free from Plum pox virus; or

- no symptoms of Plum pox virus are observed on propagating material and fruit plants of the CAC category in the production site over the last complete growing season, and any symptomatic plants in the immediate vicinity have been rogued out and immediately destroyed; or

- symptoms of Plum pox virus have been observed on no more than 1% of propagating material and fruit plants of the CAC category in the production site over the last complete growing season, and that propagating material and those fruit plants, and any symptomatic plants in the immediate vicinity have been rogued out and immediately destroyed, and a representative sample of the remaining asymptomatic

propagating material and fruit plants in the lots in which symptomatic propagating material and fruit plants were found has been tested and found free from Plum pox virus;

iii. *Pseudomonas syringae* pv. *persicae* (Prunier, Luisetti & Gardan) Young, Dye & Wilkie:

- propagating material and fruit plants of the CAC category shall be produced in areas known to be free from *Pseudomonas syringae* pv. *persicae* (Prunier, Luisetti & Gardan) Young, Dye & Wilkie; or

- no symptoms of *Pseudomonas syringae* pv. *persicae* (Prunier, Luisetti & Gardan) Young, Dye & Wilkie are observed on propagating material and fruit plants of the CAC category in the production site over the last complete growing season, and any symptomatic plants in the immediate vicinity have been rogued out and immediately destroyed; or

- symptoms of *Pseudomonas syringae* pv. *persicae* (Prunier, Luisetti & Gardan) Young, Dye & Wilkie have been observed on no more than 2% of propagating material and fruit plants of the CAC category in the production site over the last complete growing season, and that propagating material and those fruit plants, and any symptomatic plants in the immediate vicinity have been rogued out and immediately destroyed;

iv. Tomato ringspot virus (ToRSV):

- propagating material and fruit plants of the CAC category shall be produced in areas known to be free from ToRSV; or

- no symptoms of ToRSV are observed in the production site over the last complete growing season, and any symptomatic plants in the immediate vicinity have been rogued out and immediately destroyed; or

- symptoms of ToRSV have been observed on no more than 2% of propagating material and fruit plants of the CAC category in the production site over the last complete growing season, and those symptomatic plants have been immediately rogued out and destroyed;

v. *Xanthomonas arboricola* pv. *pruni* (Smith) Vauterin *et al.*:

- propagating material and fruit plants of the CAC category shall be produced in areas known to be free from

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Xanthomonas arboricola pv. *pruni* (Smith) Vauterin *et al.*; or

- no symptoms of *Xanthomonas arboricola* pv. *pruni* (Smith) Vauterin *et al.* are observed on propagating material and fruit plants of the CAC category in the production site over the last complete growing season, and any symptomatic plants in the immediate vicinity have been rogued out and immediately destroyed; or

- symptoms of *Xanthomonas arboricola* pv. *pruni* (Smith) Vauterin *et al.* have been observed on no more than 2% of propagating material and fruit plants of the CAC category in the production site over the last complete growing season, and that propagating material and those fruit plants, and any symptomatic plants in the immediate vicinity have been rogued out and immediately destroyed.";

(c) item 14 thereof shall be substituted by the following new item:

"14. *Rubus* L.

(a) Pre-basic category

Visual inspection

Visual inspections shall be carried out twice a year.

Sampling and testing

Each pre-basic mother plant shall be sampled and tested 2 years after its acceptance as a pre- basic mother plant and with subsequent intervals of 2 years concerning the presence of RNQPs listed in Schedule B, and in the case of doubts concerning the presence of RNQPs listed in Schedule A.

Requirements with regard to the production site, place of production or area

- propagating material and fruit plants of the pre-basic category shall be produced in areas known to be free from the viruses listed in Schedule B for *Rubus* L.; or

- no symptoms of any of the RNQPs listed in Schedule B for *Rubus* L. are observed on propagating material and fruit plants of the pre-basic category in the production site over the last complete growing season, and any symptomatic plants in the immediate vicinity have been rogued out and immediately destroyed;

(b) Basic category

Visual inspection

Where propagating material and fruit plants are grown in the field or in pots, visual inspections shall be carried out twice a year.

For propagating material and fruit plants produced by micropropagation, and which are maintained for a period shorter than 3 months, only one visual inspection during this period is necessary.

Sampling and testing

Sampling and testing shall be carried out if the symptoms of *Arabis* mosaic virus, Raspberry ringspot virus, Strawberry latent ringspot virus and Tomato black ring virus and Tomato ringspot virus are unclear upon visual inspection. Sampling and testing shall be carried out in the case of doubts concerning the presence of RNQPs, other than *Arabis* mosaic virus, Raspberry ringspot virus, Strawberry latent ringspot virus, Tomato black ring virus and Tomato ringspot virus, listed in Schedules A and B.

Requirements with regard to the production site, place of production or area

i. In the case of a positive test result for propagating material and fruit plants of the basic category showing symptoms of *Arabis* mosaic virus, Raspberry ringspot virus, Strawberry latent ringspot virus, Tomato black ring virus or Tomato ringspot virus, the propagating material and fruit plants concerned shall be rogued out and immediately destroyed.

ii. Requirements for RNQPs other than *Arabis* mosaic virus, Raspberry ringspot virus, Strawberry latent ringspot virus, Tomato black ring virus and Tomato ringspot virus:

The percentage of propagating material and fruit plants of the basic category in the production site over the last complete growing season, showing symptoms of each of the following RNQPs shall not exceed:

- 0.1% in the case of:

Agrobacterium spp. Conn; and

Rhodococcus fascians Tilford; and that propagating material and those fruit plants, and any surrounding host plants have been rogued out and destroyed;

iii. Requirements for all viruses:

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propagating material and fruit plants of the basic category shall be produced in areas known to be free from the viruses listed in Schedule B for *Rubus* L.; or

no symptoms of the viruses listed in Schedule B for *Rubus* L. are observed on propagating material and fruit plants of the basic category in the production site over the last complete growing season, and any symptomatic plants in the immediate vicinity have been immediately rogued out and destroyed; or

symptoms of all viruses listed in Schedules A and B have been observed on no more than 0.25% of propagating material and fruit plants of the basic category in the production site over the last complete growing season, and that propagating material and those fruit plants and any symptomatic plants in the immediate vicinity have been rogued out and immediately destroyed.

(c) Certified category

Visual inspection

Visual inspections shall be carried out once a year.

Sampling and testing

Sampling and testing shall be carried out if the symptoms of *Arabis* mosaic virus, Raspberry ringspot virus, Strawberry latent ringspot virus, Tomato black ring virus and Tomato ringspot virus are unclear upon visual inspection. Sampling and testing shall be carried out in the case of doubts concerning the presence of RNQPs, other than *Arabis* mosaic virus, Raspberry ringspot virus, Strawberry latent ringspot virus, Tomato black ring virus and Tomato ringspot virus, listed in Schedules A and B.

Requirements with regard to the production site, place of production or area

i. In the case of a positive test result for propagating material and fruit plants of the certified category showing symptoms of *Arabis* mosaic virus, Raspberry ringspot virus, Strawberry latent ringspot virus, Tomato black ring virus or Tomato ringspot virus, the propagating material and fruit plants concerned shall be rogued out and immediately destroyed;

ii. Requirements for RNQPs other than *Arabis* mosaic virus, Raspberry ringspot virus, Strawberry latent ringspot virus, Tomato black ring virus and Tomato ringspot virus:

The percentage of propagating material and fruit plants of the certified category in the production site over the last complete growing season, showing symptoms of each of the following RNQPs shall not exceed:

0.5% in the case of *Resseliella theobaldi* Barnes;

0.1% in the case of:

Agrobacterium spp. Conn; and

Rhodococcus fascians Tilford; and that propagating material and those fruit plants, and any surrounding host plants have been rogued out and destroyed;

iii. Requirements for all viruses:

propagating material and fruit plants of the certified category shall be produced in areas known to be free from the viruses listed in Schedule B for *Rubus* L.; or

no symptoms of the viruses listed in Schedule B for *Rubus* L. are observed on propagating material and fruit plants of the certified category in the production site over the last complete growing season, and any symptomatic plants in the immediate vicinity have been immediately rogued out and destroyed; or

symptoms of all viruses listed in Schedules A and B have been observed on no more than 0.5% of propagating material and fruit plants of the certified category in the production site over the last complete growing season, and that propagating material and those fruit plants and any symptomatic plants in the immediate vicinity have been rogued out and immediately destroyed.

(d) CAC category

Visual inspection

Visual inspections shall be carried out once a year.

Sampling and testing

Sampling and testing shall be carried out if the symptoms of *Arabis* mosaic virus, Raspberry ringspot virus, Strawberry latent ringspot virus, Tomato black ring virus and Tomato ringspot virus are unclear upon visual inspection. Sampling and testing shall be carried out in the case of

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doubts concerning the presence of RNQPs, other than *Arabid mosaic virus*, Raspberry ringspot virus, Strawberry latent ringspot virus and Tomato black ring virus and Tomato ringspot virus, listed in Schedules A and B.

Requirements with regard to the production site, place of production or area

- propagating material and fruit plants of the CAC category shall be produced in areas known to be free from the RNQPs listed in Schedules A and B for *Rubus* L.; or

- no symptoms of the RNQPs listed in Schedules A and B for *Rubus* L. are observed on propagating material and fruit plants of the CAC category in the production site over the last complete growing season; and

- in case of symptoms of ToRSV, those symptoms have been observed on no more than 2% of propagating material and fruit plants of the CAC category in the production site over the last complete growing season, and those symptomatic plants have been immediately rogued out and destroyed; and

- in the case of a positive test result for propagating material and fruit plants of the CAC category showing symptoms of *Arabid mosaic virus*, Raspberry ringspot virus, Strawberry latent ringspot virus, Tomato black ring virus or Tomato ringspot virus, the propagating material and fruit plants concerned shall be immediately rogued out and destroyed.";

(d) item 15 thereof shall be substituted by the following new item:

"15. *Vaccinium* L.

(a) Pre-basic category

Visual inspection

Visual inspections shall be carried out twice a year.

Sampling and testing

Each pre-basic mother plant shall be sampled and tested 5 years after its acceptance as a pre-basic mother plant and with subsequent intervals of 5 years concerning the presence of RNQPs listed in Schedule B, and in the case of doubts concerning the presence of RNQPs listed in Schedule A.

(b) Basic category

Visual inspection

Visual inspections shall be carried out twice a year.

Sampling and testing

Sampling and testing shall be carried out in the case of doubts concerning the presence of RNQPs listed in Schedules A and B.

Requirements with regard to the production site, place of production or area

i. *Agrobacterium tumefaciens* (Smith & Townsend) Conn

- no symptoms of *Agrobacterium tumefaciens* (Smith & Townsend) Conn are observed at the production site over the last complete growing season

ii. *Diaporthe vaccinii* Shear

- propagating material and fruit plants of the basic category shall be produced in areas known to be free from *Diaporthe vaccinii* Shear; or

- no symptoms of *Diaporthe vaccinii* Shear are observed at the production site over the last complete growing season;

iii. *Exobasidium vaccinii* (Fuckel) Woronin and *Godronia cassandrae* (anamorph *Topospora myrtilli*) Peck

- the percentage of propagating material and fruit plants of the basic category in the production site over the last complete growing season, showing symptoms of each of the following RNQPs shall not exceed:

- 0.1% in the case of *Godronia cassandrae* (anamorph *Topospora myrtilli*) Peck;

- 0.5% in the case of *Exobasidium vaccinii* (Fuckel) Woronin; and that propagating material and those fruit plants, and any surrounding host plants have been rogued out and destroyed.

iv. *Phytophthora ramorum* (EU isolates) Werres, De Cock & Man in 't Veld:

- propagating material and fruit plants of the basic category shall be produced in areas established by the competent authority as being free from *Phytophthora ramorum* (EU isolates) Werres, De Cock & Man in 't Veld in accordance with relevant International Standards for Phytosanitary Measures; or

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- no symptoms of *Phytophthora ramorum* (EU isolates) Werres, De Cock & Man in 't Veld shall be observed on propagating material and fruit plants of the basic category at the production site over the last complete cycle of vegetation.

v. Tobacco ringspot virus (TRSV) and Tomato ringspot virus (ToRSV)

- propagating material and fruit plants of the basic category shall be produced in areas known to be free from TRSV and ToRSV; or

- no symptoms of TRSV and ToRSV are observed in the production site over the last complete growing season and any symptomatic plants in the immediate vicinity have been rogued out and immediately destroyed.

(c) Certified and CAC categories

Visual inspection

Visual inspections shall be carried out once a year.

Sampling and testing

Sampling and testing shall be carried out in the case of doubts concerning the presence of RNQPs listed in Schedules A and B.

(d) Certified category

Requirements with regard to the production site, place of production or area

i. *Agrobacterium tumefaciens* (Smith & Townsend) Conn, *Exobasidium vaccinii* (Fuckel) Woronin and *Godronia cassandrae* (anamorph *Topospora myrtilli*) Peck

- the percentage of propagating material and fruit plants of the certified category in the production site over the last complete growing season, showing symptoms of each of the following RNQPs shall not exceed:

- 0.5% in the case of:

Agrobacterium tumefaciens (Smith & Townsend) Conn;

Godronia cassandrae (anamorph *Topospora myrtilli*) Peck;

- 1% in the case of *Exobasidium vaccinii* (Fuckel) Woronin; and that propagating material and those fruit plants, and any surrounding host plants have been rogued out and destroyed.

ii. *Diaporthe vaccinii* Shear

- propagating material and fruit plants of the certified category shall be produced in areas known to be free from *Diaporthe vaccinii* Shear; or

- no symptoms of *Diaporthe vaccinii* Shear are observed at the production site over the last complete growing season;

iii. *Phytophthora ramorum* (EU isolates) Werres, De Cock & Man in 't Veld:

- propagating material and fruit plants of the certified category shall be produced in areas established by the competent authority as being free from *Phytophthora ramorum* (EU isolates) Werres, De Cock & Man in 't Veld in accordance with relevant International Standards for Phytosanitary Measures; or

- no symptoms of *Phytophthora ramorum* (EU isolates) Werres, De Cock & Man in 't Veld shall be observed on propagating material and fruit plants of the certified category at the production site over the last complete cycle of vegetation; or

- propagating material and fruit plants of the certified category showing symptoms of *Phytophthora ramorum* (EU isolates) Werres, De Cock & Man in 't Veld at the production site and all plants within a 2m radius of the symptomatic propagating material and fruit plants, shall be rogued out and destroyed, including adhering soil; and

- for all plants located within a 10m radius of symptomatic propagating material and fruit plants and any remaining propagating material and fruit plants from the affected lot:

- within 3 months following the detection of symptomatic propagating material and fruit plants, no symptoms of *Phytophthora ramorum* (EU isolates) Werres, De Cock & Man in 't Veld shall be observed on that propagating material and those fruit plants in at least two inspections at appropriate times to detect the pest and

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during such 3-month period no treatments suppressing symptoms of *Phytophthora ramorum* (EU isolates) Werres, De Cock & Man in 't Veld shall be carried out; and

- after the said 3-month period:

- no symptoms of *Phytophthora ramorum* (EU isolates) Werres, De Cock & Man in 't Veld shall be observed on that propagating material and those fruit plants at the production site; or

- a representative sample of that propagating material and those fruit plants to be moved has been tested and found free from *Phytophthora ramorum* (EU isolates) Werres, De Cock & Man in 't Veld; and

- for all other propagating material and fruit plants at the production site:

- no symptoms of *Phytophthora ramorum* (EU isolates) Werres, De Cock & Man in 't Veld shall be observed on that propagating material and those fruit plants at the production site; or

- a representative sample of that propagating material and those fruit plants to be moved has been tested and found free from *Phytophthora ramorum* (EU isolates) Werres, De Cock & Man in 't Veld;

iv. Tobacco ringspot virus (TRSV) and Tomato ringspot virus (ToRSV)

- propagating material and fruit plants of the basic category shall be produced in areas known to be free from TRSV and ToRSV; or

- no symptoms of TRSV and ToRSV are observed in the production site over the last complete growing season and any symptomatic plants in the immediate vicinity have been rogued out and immediately destroyed.

(e) CAC category

Requirements with regard to the production site, place of production or area

i. *Phytophthora ramorum* (EU isolates) Werres, De Cock & Man in 't Veld:

- propagating material and fruit plants of the CAC category shall be produced in areas established by the competent authority as being free from *Phytophthora ramorum* (EU isolates) Werres, De Cock & Man in 't Veld in accordance with relevant International Standards for Phytosanitary Measures; or

- no symptoms of *Phytophthora ramorum* (EU isolates) Werres, De Cock & Man in 't Veld shall be observed on propagating material and fruit plants of the CAC category at propagating material and fruit plants of the CAC category showing symptoms of *Phytophthora ramorum* (EU isolates) Werres, De Cock & Man in 't Veld at the production site and all plants within a 2m radius of the symptomatic propagating material and fruit plants, shall be rogued out and destroyed, including adhering soil; and

- for all plants located within a 10m radius of symptomatic propagating material and fruit plants and any remaining propagating material and fruit plants from the affected lot:

- within 3 months following the detection of symptomatic propagating material and fruit plants, no symptoms of *Phytophthora ramorum* (EU isolates) Werres, De Cock & Man in 't Veld shall be observed on that propagating material and those fruit plants in at least two inspections at appropriate times to detect the pest and during such 3-month period no treatments suppressing symptoms of *Phytophthora ramorum* (EU isolates) Werres, De Cock & Man in 't Veld shall be carried out; and

after the said 3-month period:

- no symptoms of *Phytophthora ramorum* (EU isolates) Werres, De Cock & Man in 't Veld shall be observed on that propagating material and those fruit plants at the production site; or

- a representative sample of that propagating material and those fruit plants to be moved has been tested and found free from *Phytophthora ramorum* (EU isolates) Werres, De Cock & Man in 't Veld; and

- for all other propagating material and fruit plants at the production site:

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- no symptoms of *Phytophthora ramorum* (EU isolates) Werres, De Cock & Man in 't Veld shall be observed on that propagating material and those fruit plants at the production site; or

- a representative sample of that propagating material and those fruit plants to be moved has been tested and found free from *Phytophthora ramorum* (EU isolates) Werres, De Cock & Man in 't Veld;

ii. Tobacco ringspot virus (TRSV) and Tomato ringspot virus (ToRSV)

- propagating material and fruit plants of the CAC category shall be produced in areas known to be free from TRSV and ToRSV; or

- no symptoms of TRSV and ToRSV are observed in the production site over the last complete growing season and any symptomatic plants in the immediate vicinity have been immediately rogued out and destroyed; or

- symptoms of TRSV and ToRSV have been observed on no more than 2% of propagating material and fruit plants of the CAC category in the production site over the last complete growing season, and those symptomatic plants have been rogued out immediately and destroyed."
