



FOREST HEALTH NOTICE FHN-1/2022

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### COMMISSION IMPLEMENTING REGULATION (EU) 2021/2285 of 14 December 2021

Among the changes and implications arising from **Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2021/2285** of 14 December 2021 amending implementing regulation (EU) 2019/2072 as regards the listing of pests, prohibitions and requirements for the introduction into, and movement within, the union of plants, plant products and other objects and repealing Decisions 98/109/EC and 2002/757/EC and Implementing Regulations (EU) 2020/885 and (EU) 2020/1292 are the following;

- **Status of *Phytophthora ramorum* (EU isolates) Werres, De Cock & Man in 't Veld**

Based on the methodology developed by EPPO, it has been concluded that *Phytophthora ramorum* (EU isolates) Werres, De Cock & Man in 't Veld fulfils the criteria for RNQPs as set out in Section 4 of Annex I to Regulation (EU) 2016/2031.

Since 2010 *Phytophthora ramorum* has been a serious problem in Japanese larch in Irish forests and measures such as sanitation felling have been undertaken to contain the disease in our forests. The practical implication of this re-classification is that in a forest context *Phytophthora ramorum* is no longer subject to statutory sanitation felling requirements and it is no longer mandatory to report suspected sites to this Department.

However landowners are requested to continue to report sites suspected to be impacted by *Phytophthora ramorum* to the email address below.

Please note only *Phytophthora ramorum* (EU isolates) have ever been found in Ireland. *Phytophthora ramorum* (non-EU isolates) Werres, De Cock & Man in 't Veld is regarded as a Union quarantine pest and is notifiable and actionable.

- **Import of oak (*Quercus* L.) from Canada and the United Kingdom (Great Britain)**

The importation of oak (*Quercus* L.) (and other species) which are hosts of *Phytophthora ramorum* (non-EU isolates) Werres, De Cock & Man in 't Veld from Canada and the United Kingdom (excluding Northern Ireland) as well as the United States and Vietnam is now subject to control (Ref. Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2021/2285 Annex VII point 111).

- **For the purposes of classification “conifers (*Pinales*)” are now reclassified to “conifers (*Pinopsida*)”**

Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2021/2285 comes into effect from the date of this notice and is available here [EUR-Lex - 32021R2285 - EN - EUR-Lex \(europa.eu\)](#)

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