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**EFSA WEBINAR: HOW TO PREPARE DOSSIERS TO SUPPORT DEMANDS  
FOR IMPORT OF HIGH-RISK PLANTS  
12 FEBRUARY 2019 - ONLINE**

COMMUNICATION FROM THE EUROPEAN UNION

The following communication, received on 29 January 2019, is being circulated at the request of the Delegation of the European Union.

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As announced in the SPS notification G/SPS/EU/272/Add.3, EFSA is going to organize an online webinar to assist the National Plant Protection Organisations of non-EU countries with the preparation and submission of dossiers of high-risk plants.

The webinar will take place on 12 February 2019 at two time slots:

- Session 1: 10.30-11.30, Brussels time, GTM+01:00;
- Session 2: 15.30-16.30, Brussels time, GTM+01:00.

PLEASE REGISTER VIA THE FOLLOWING WEBSITE:

<https://www.efsa.europa.eu/en/events/event/190212>.

**There is no deadline for registration, but participation is limited to a maximum of 500 participants on a first-come, first-served basis.**

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### Background

1. Regulation (EU) No 2016/2031 on protective measures against pests of plants<sup>1</sup> ("Plant Health Law") was adopted on 26 October 2016 and entered into force on 13 December 2016. It constitutes a new EU legal framework for plant health providing comprehensive and clear rules for the prevention of entry into, and spread within, the EU territory of pests injurious to plant health. These new rules will apply from 14 December 2019.
2. Article 42 of the Regulation introduced the concept of "high risk plants, plant products and other objects", commodities whose import will be prohibited into the European Union until a full risk assessment confirms their phytosanitary status. This list will take into account the specific criteria in Annex III to the Regulation.
3. Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2018/2019<sup>2</sup> was published on 19 December 2018. It contains the list of high risk plants, plant products and other objects which introduction will be provisionally prohibited from 14 December 2019 pending a complete risk assessment.
4. Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2018/2018<sup>3</sup> was published on 19 December 2018. It specifies the procedures to follow to carry out the risk assessment of high risk plants.

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<sup>1</sup> <https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/?qid=1547130430755&uri=CELEX:32016R2031>.

<sup>2</sup> <https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/?qid=1546851346811&uri=CELEX:32018R2019>.

<sup>3</sup> <https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/?qid=1547023031276&uri=CELEX:32018R2018>.