Report Name: Morocco Bans Ornamental Plant Imports from Xylella Fastidiosa-Infested Countries

Country: Morocco

Post: Rabat

Report Category: FAIRS Subject Report, Planting Seeds, Sanitary/Phytosanitary/Food Safety

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Report Highlights:

This report includes the unofficial translation of a notice to importers issued by the Moroccan food safety authority (ONSSA) regarding the suspension of the import of ornamental plants and parts of plants from countries infested with Xylella fastidiosa. At present, the measure is being applied across various commodities, countries of origin, and Moroccan ports through the issuance of import permits.
Notice

Subject: Importation of ornamental plants and parts of plants from countries infested with the bacterium Xylella fastidiosa.

Considering:

- The evolution of outbreaks of the bacterium Xylella fastidiosa in several countries infested by this bacterium,
- The continuous increase in the number of host plants for Xylella fastidiosa, in this case ornamental plants,
- The risk of transmission of Xylella fastidiosa by insect vectors associated with host plants of this bacterium,
- The risk of introduction of this bacterium on the national territory,
- The entities and operators concerned are informed that the importation of ornamental plants and parts of plants from countries infested by Xylella fastidiosa is temporarily suspended.

Signed and stamped by Mr. Janati Abdellah

General Director of ONSSA

Attachments:

No Attachments.