



EU phytosanitary measures applied to citrus imports

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Overview of EU measures for citrus



Import prohibitions

- Import of citrus plants for planting is prohibited

Specific import requirements

- Phytosanitary certificate
- No leaves or peduncles
- For several quarantine pests, one or more of the following:
 - Country freedom
 - Area freedom
 - Pest free place of production
 - Free production site and/or combination with measures (treatment, systems approach, inspections, sampling etc.)



Thaumatotibia leucotreta – false codling moth (FCM)

- There is a pest risk assessment from the European Plant protection organization (EPPO) on *Thaumatotibia leucotreta* published in 2013.
- EFSA published on 19 October 2023 an opinion on the probability of introduction of *Thaumatotibia leucotreta* into the European Union with import of cut roses.

Phyllosticta citricarpa – citrus black spot (CBS)

- EFSA's published an opinion on *Phyllosticta citricarpa* in 2014.
- There are no plans to carry out another risk assessment in the near future.

Non-compliances



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PEST	AR	BD	BR	CN	CO	EG	IN	IL	MX	ZA	TH	TN	UR	VT	ZW	TOTAL
<i>Bactrocera</i>						1										1
<i>Elsinoë</i>			15		3		1			1	1			4		25
<i>Phyllosticta citricarpa</i>	9	1				1				51		1	4		11	78
<i>Resseliella citrifrugis</i>				2												2
<i>Thaumatotibia leucotreta</i>								1		3						4
<i>Unaspis citri</i>									1							1
<i>Xanthomonas citri pv. citri</i>		4	10	1			2			1			1	4		23
TOTAL	9	5	25	3	3	2	3	1	1	56	1	1	5	8	11	134

Commission Follow-up actions



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High number of
interceptions

Bilateral
communication

Request for
corrective
measures

Audit

Reinforce
import
requirements

Introduce
temporary
measures

Ban
temporarily

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Several bilateral exchanges throughout the season



Self-ban in September



Discussion in Standing Committee of November

Outbreak of *Diaphorina citri* in CY



Outbreak confirmed beginning of August

Extensive surveys

- Present in southern parts of the island

Action plan

- Demarcation
- Chemical applications
- Movement of citrus plants after inspection
- Movement of citrus fruits without leaves or peduncles, in covered vehicles

Sampling for citrus greening (negative results)

- *Diaphorina citri*
- Suspicious material Increased inspections in nurseries

Awareness campaigns

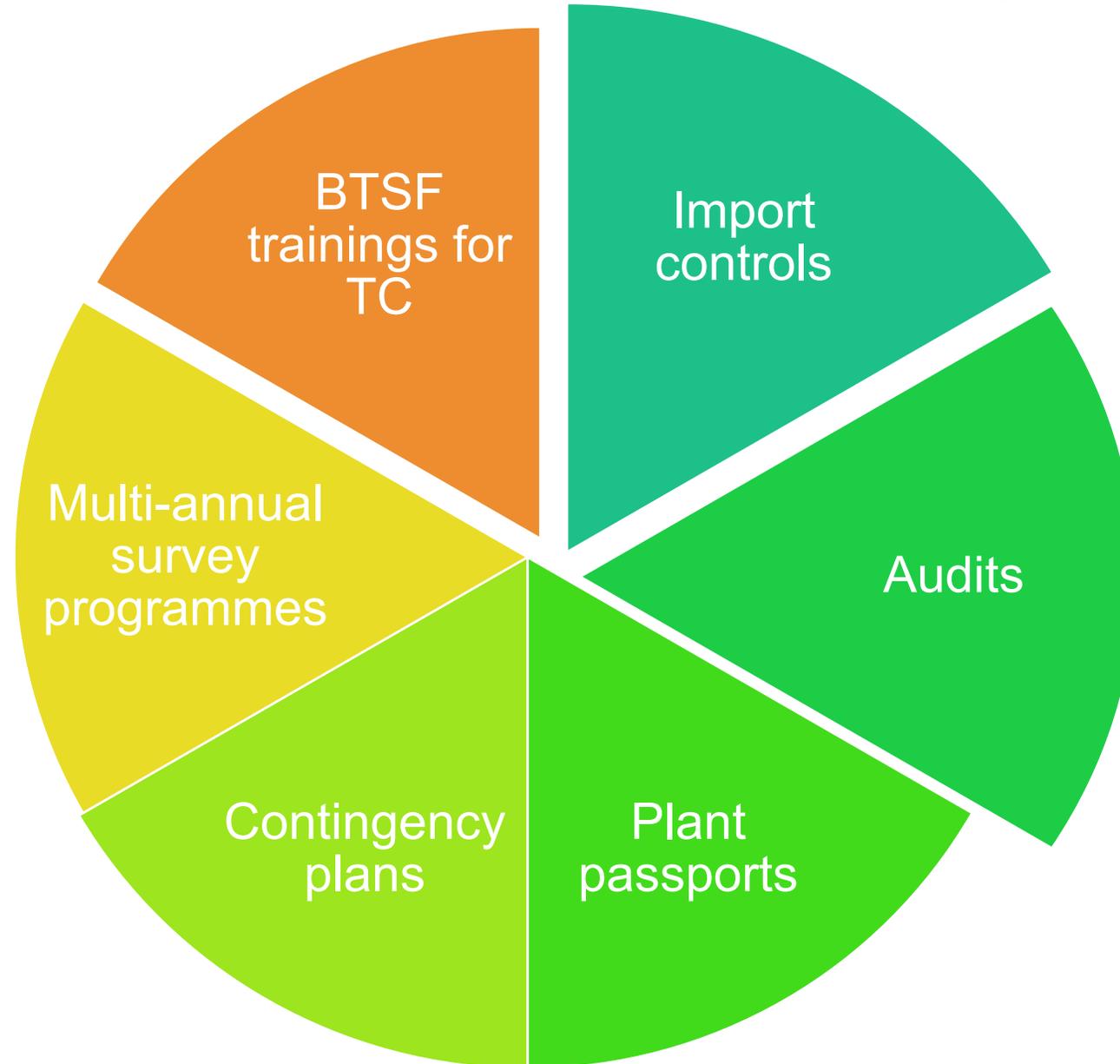
Commission actions



Audit to CY in December 2023

Eradication measures for HLB

Prevention – Commission activities



Prevention - Import controls

TRACES - Pre-notification of arrival of consignment

Controls at the border control posts (BCPs)

Documentary checks – 100%

100% identity and physical checks for majority of TC

Sampling according to International Standards

TRACES - Notification of non-compliances

Prevention – Commission audits

Audits to MSs
on import controls



Audits on *Trioza erytreae*

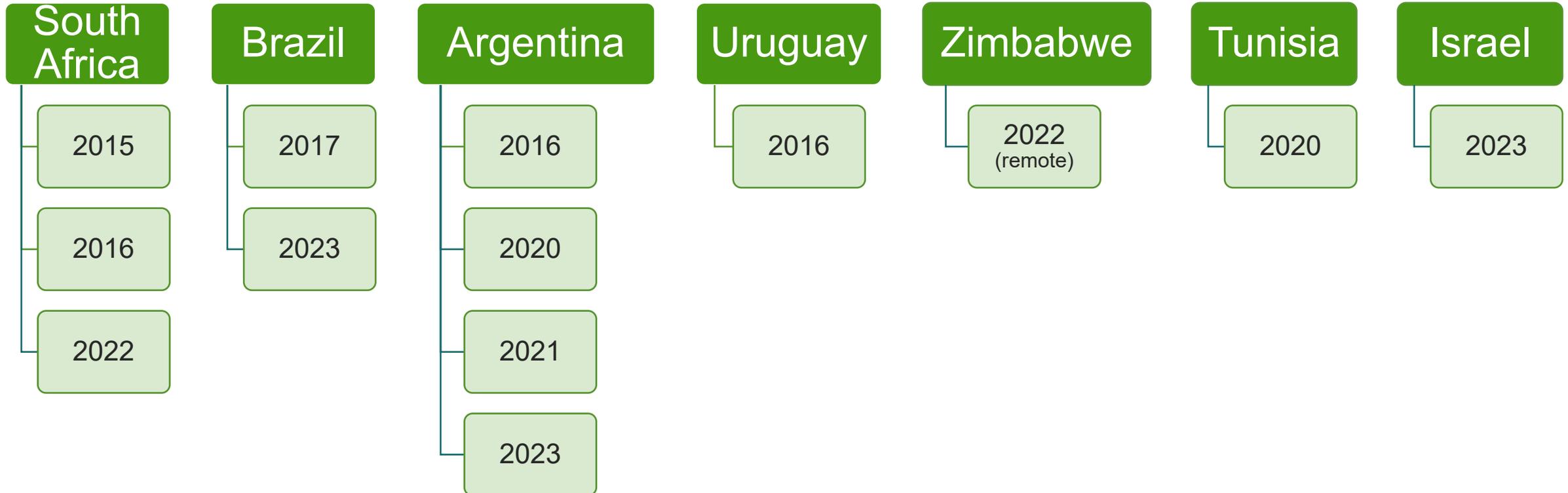


Audit on *Diaphorina citri*



Prevention – Commission audits

Audits to third countries on citrus



In conclusion



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Thank you



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