



Civil Dialouge Group beekeeping 13 November 2018

Point 6 – State of play of *Vespa velutina* (Asian hornet)

Vespa velutina (Asian hornet)

- **Listed as invasive alien species of Union concern under Regulation 1143/2014 on the prevention and management of the introduction and spread of invasive alien species (IAS)**
- **Native to South-East Asia.**
- **First recorded in France in 2005.**
- **Predator of honeybees, wasps and other important pollinators.**
- **Can rapidly decimate entire beehives.**
- **Strong risk for rapid spread, causing significant economic and ecological damage.**

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- **EU-level action seeks to prevent this spread by inter alia rapidly destroying its nests.**
- **If widely spread, appropriate management measures have to be taken**
- **When listing the species in 2016, it was established in France, Spain and Portugal, with casual observations in Belgium, Germany and Italy.**
- **Meanwhile, Belgium, Germany, the Netherlands and the UK are attempting to prevent its establishment through early detection and rapid eradication measures.**

Vespa velutina – state of play

Situation on 12/10/2018	Detection date	Notification date	Status
Vespa velutina nigrithorax - Belgium #1	18-11-2016	28-11-2016	Not Eradicated
Vespa velutina nigrithorax - Belgium #2	01-05-2017	05-05-2017	Under Eradication
Vespa velutina nigrithorax - Belgium #3	27-09-2017	29-09-2017	Under Eradication
Vespa velutina nigrithorax - Belgium #4	24-09-2017	04-10-2017	Eradicated
Vespa velutina nigrithorax - Germany #1	04-11-2017	29-01-2018	Under Eradication
Vespa velutina nigrithorax - Netherlands #1	17-09-2017	18-09-2017	Eradicated
Vespa velutina nigrithorax - Netherlands #2	12-09-2018	21-09-2018	Not Eradicated
Vespa velutina nigrithorax - Netherlands #3	04-10-2018	08-10-2018	Eradicated
Vespa velutina nigrithorax - United Kingdom #1	20-09-2016	21-09-2016	Eradicated
Vespa velutina nigrithorax - United Kingdom #2	17-03-2017	20-03-2017	Not Eradicated
Vespa velutina nigrithorax - United Kingdom #3	26-09-2017	26-09-2017	Eradicated
Vespa velutina nigrithorax - United Kingdom #4	13-04-2018	13-04-2018	Under Eradication
Vespa velutina nigrithorax - United Kingdom #5	03-09-2018	03-09-2018	Status not yet notified
Vespa velutina nigrithorax - United Kingdom #6	06-09-2018	06-09-2018	Status not yet notified



More information

<https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/?qid=1542102233687&uri=CELEX:32014R1143>

http://ec.europa.eu/environment/nature/pdf/IAS_brochure_species.pdf