

COURTESY TRANSLATION

Definition of areas free from the harmful organism *Xylella fastidiosa* (Wells et al.) within the territory of the Italian Republic.

HAVING REGARD TO Council Directive 2000/29/EC of 8 May 2000 on protective measures against the introduction into the Community of organisms harmful to plants or plant products and against their spread within the Community and its amendments;

HAVING REGARD TO Legislative Decree N. 214 of 19 August 2005, as subsequently amended, implementing Council Directive 2000/29/EC of 8 May 2000 on protective measures against the introduction into the Community of organisms harmful to plants or plant products and against their spread within the Community and implementing the International Plant Protection Convention (IPPC);

HAVING REGARD TO Commission Implementing Decision (EU) 2015/789 of 18 May 2015, and subsequent amendments and addenda, as regards measures to prevent the introduction into and the spread within the Union of *Xylella fastidiosa*;

HAVING REGARD TO the Decree of the Minister of Agriculture, Food and Forestry Policies of 19 June 2015 on emergency measures for the prevention, control and eradication of *Xylella fastidiosa* within the territory of the Italian Republic;

HAVING REGARD TO the International Standard for Phytosanitary Measures N. 4 as regards requirements for the establishment of pest-free areas (ISPM 4);

HAVING REGARD TO article 4 of the said Decree of the Minister of Agricultural, Food and Forestry Policies of 19 June 2015 that provides for the implementation by the Regional Plant Protection Services of a specific monitoring plan of the entire national territory for the presence of *Xylella fastidiosa*;

HAVING REGARD TO the inspections by the Regional Plant Protection Services in application of the above mentioned Article 4;

HAVING REGARD TO the technical note N. 23445 of 9 November 2015 adopting the guidelines for the monitoring and sampling of plant species for the purposes of the identification of *Xylella fastidiosa* in the pest-free areas;

HAVING REGARD TO the findings of the above-mentioned surveys that report the absence of *Xylella fastidiosa* within the national territory with the exception of the demarcated area and surveillance zone of Puglia region;

WHEREAS the scientific evidence provided by the official surveys and the general information on *Xylella fastidiosa*, as well as the specific monitoring plan as laid down in Article 4 of the decree dated 19 June 2015 for the permanent check of the phytosanitary status of the areas considered, respond to the requirements of the International Standard ISPM N.4;

HAVING CONSIDERED THE NEED to officially declare the phytosanitary status of the national territory;

HAVING REGARD TO Puglia Region's decision N. 23 of 12 February 2016 updating the demarcated areas after the detection of *Xylella fastidiosa* outbreaks;

HAVING REGARD TO Liguria Region's decision N. 1395 of 15 December 2015 establishing a buffer zone in the municipalities of Ventimiglia and Olivetta San Michele after detection of the bacterium in the municipalities of Menton and Biot in France;

HAVING RECEIVED the favourable opinion of the National Plant Health Committee referred to in Article 52 of the Legislative Decree N. 214 of 19 August 2005, as expressed in the session held on 28 January 2016;

HAVING RECEIVED the favourable opinion of the Standing Conference for Relations with the State, Regions and the Autonomous Provinces of Trento and Bolzano (Conferenza permanente per i rapporti con lo Stato, le Regioni e le Province autonome di Trento e Bolzano) as expressed in the session held on 4 February 2016;

DECLARES:

Single Article

1. The areas within the territory of the Italian Republic, listed in the annex to this decree, are free from the harmful organism *Xylella fastidiosa* (Wells et al.).
2. The Regional Plant Protection Services shall be closely in line with the provisions reported in article 4 of the decree of 19 June 2015 with the purposes of maintaining the status of *Xylella fastidiosa*-free area in the relevant zones within the regional territory.
3. The list of areas free from the harmful organism referred to in paragraph 1 is reviewed on the basis of the findings of official surveys, quarterly reported as defined in article 4, paragraph 7 of the decree dated 19 June 2015.

This decree is sent to the Supervisory body for registration and will enter into force the day after its publication in the *Official Journal* of the Italian Republic.

Rome,

The Minister

ANNEX

Areas within the territory of the Italian Republic free from the harmful organism *Xylella fastidiosa* (Wells et al.).

ABRUZZO

Entire regional territory

BASILICATA

Entire regional territory

CALABRIA

Entire regional territory

CAMPANIA

Entire regional territory

EMILIA ROMAGNA

Entire regional territory

FRIULI VENEZIA GIULIA

Entire regional territory

LAZIO

Entire regional territory

LIGURIA

Entire regional territory

LOMBARDY (LOMBARDIA)

Entire regional territory

MARCHE

Entire regional territory

MOLISE

Entire regional territory

PIEDMONT (PIEMONTE)

Entire regional territory

PUGLIA

Entire regional territory except for the demarcated area and the surveillance zone established in accordance with the Commission Implementing Decision (EU) 2015/789

SARDINIA (SARDEGNA)

Entire regional territory

SICILY (SICILIA)

Entire regional territory

TUSCANY (TOSCANA)

Entire regional territory

UMBRIA

Entire regional territory

VALLE D'AOSTA

Entire regional territory

VENETO

Entire regional territory

AUTONOMOUS PROVINCE of BOLZANO (PROVINCIA AUTONOMA di BOLZANO)

Entire regional territory

AUTONOMOUS PROVINCE of TRENTO (PROVINCIA AUTONOMA di TRENTO)

Entire regional territory