

Question for written answer E-004082/2026
to the Commission
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Subject: Australia's suspension of pomelo imports from Vietnam – Call for the EU to adopt to similar phytosanitary protection measures

On 15 September, Australia's Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry (DAFF) announced that the country's Director of Biosecurity had temporarily suspended fresh pomelo imports from Vietnam.

This decision came after a team of Australian experts visited Vietnam from 22 to 28 August to inspect a number of pomelo plantations and packaging plants in Vinh Long, Ho Chi Minh City and Can Tho

and discovered that some of these facilities did not fully meet Australia's import requirements. The inspectors came across a number of farmers who did not have a complete picture of the regulations governing the exporting of fresh pomelos, as well as incomplete records (including production logs and pest monitoring data) and inconsistent pest monitoring procedures. They also flagged up the haphazard way in which chlorine-based treatments were handled.

In the light of the above and of the major phytosanitary risk uncovered by Australia's inspectors, I urgently ask the Commission:

Will it promptly adopt similar restrictive measures, including within the European Union, in order to prevent the introduction of pests and ensure the safety of European consumers?

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