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Grapevine flavescence dorée phytoplasma is regulated as a Union quarantine pest listed in Annex II of Commission Implementing Regulation 2019/2072[1]. In the areas of the EU where the pest is present, eradication campaigns have to be carried out in the vineyards. Furthermore, certain parts of the Union territory are under containment, as eradication is not possible, with specific EU measures in place[2]. Therefore, the Commission is aware of the specific problems the pest can cause in Member States and the difficult fight against it once it is detected.

On 4 December 2025, the co-legislators have reached a political agreement on the 'wine package' (Commission proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council amending Regulations (EU) No 1308/2013[3], (EU) 2021/2115[4] and (EU) No 251/2014[5] as regards certain market rules and sectoral support measures in the wine sector and for aromatised wine products (COM(2025) 137 final[6]), which includes a provision to provide support to collective actions for monitoring, diagnostic, training, communication and research to prevent the spread of highly infectious pests, with Union financial assistance covering up to 100% of the eligible expenditure.

Once in force, the new rules will allow Member States to add this new type of intervention in their strategic plan so that stakeholders can make use of the new possibilities offered.

[1] https://eur-lex.europa.eu/eli/reg_impl/2019/2072/oj/eng.
[2] Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2022/1630 of 21 September 2022 establishing measures for the containment of Grapevine flavescence dorée phytoplasma within certain demarcated areas: https://eur-lex.europa.eu/eli/reg_impl/2022/1630/oj/eng.
[3] https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/?uri=CELEX%3A32013R1308&qid=1764315599918.
[4] https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/?uri=CELEX%3A32021R2115&qid=1764315643439.
[5] https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/?uri=CELEX%3A32014R0251&qid=1764315675872.
[6] https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/?uri=celex:52025PC0137.