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Answer given by Mr Várhelyi
on behalf of the European Commission
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The Commission confirms that it mandated the European Food Safety Authority (EFSA) to update the risk assessment for *Xylella fastidiosa* (M-2024-00029¹). It explicitly requested from EFSA to update the risk assessment by subspecies of *Xylella fastidiosa* present in the EU, as well as to consider different scenarios and relevant risk reduction options. The output of EFSA in response to this mandate is expected by the end of 2026.

On the basis of the information provided by EFSA, the Commission intends to open a discussion with Member States at the Standing Committee on Plants, Animals, Food and Feed as regards the phytosanitary measures implemented under Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2020/1201², including whether these measures can be more closely tailored to the risk profiles of individual subspecies and strains, and whether further flexibility is warranted to allow for measures that are proportionate to the severity of individual outbreaks.

¹ <https://open.efsa.europa.eu>.

² ELI: http://data.europa.eu/eli/reg_impl/2020/1201/oj.