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Dear Jonathan Sheppard,

REQUEST FOR INFORMATION: Xylella

Thank you for your request for information of 21 May 2019 about Xylella arriving in the UK. We have handled your request under the Environmental Information Regulations 2004 (EIRs).

The EIRs apply to requests for environmental information, which is a broad category of information defined in regulation 2 of the EIRs. Public Authorities are required to handle requests for environmental information under the EIRs. They give similar access rights to the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA).

The information you requested and our response is detailed below.

"What estimations have been made of the financial damage to the UK, to the horticulture industry, and wider gardening sector, including impacts to garden tourism have been made should Xylella arrive in the UK."

The information that you have requested is available at the internet links below:

The UK Pest Risk Analysis for *Xylella fastidiosa*, which was updated in 2017, includes information regarding the economic, environmental and social impacts of *X. fastidiosa* to the UK. This pest risk analysis can be found at:

[https://secure.fera.defra.gov.uk/phiw/riskRegister/viewPestRisks.cfm?
cslref=12570&riskId=12570](https://secure.fera.defra.gov.uk/phiw/riskRegister/viewPestRisks.cfm?cslref=12570&riskId=12570)

The European Food Standards Agency (EFSA) pest risk assessment on the risks posed by *Xylella fastidiosa* in the EU territory has recently been updated and now includes information relating to the potential impact of *X. fastidiosa* on different sectors. This assessment, can be found at:

<https://doi.org/10.2903/j.efsa.2019.5665>

Details of other activities undertaken by EFSA in regards to *X. fastidiosa* can also be found at:

<http://www.efsa.europa.eu/en/topics/topic/xylella-fastidiosa>



As the information you have requested is already publicly available and easily accessible to you in another form or format, regulation 6(1)(b) of the EIRs exempts Defra from providing a copy of the information with this response to your request

We attach Annex A giving contact details should you be unhappy with the service you have received.

If you have any queries about this letter please contact me.

Yours sincerely

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Annex A

Complaints

If you are unhappy with the service you have received in relation to your request you may make a complaint or appeal against our decision under section 17(7) of the FOIA or under regulation 11 of the EIRs, as applicable, within 40 working days of the date of this letter. Please write to Nick Teall, Head of Information Rights, Area 1E, Nobel House, 17 Smith Square, London, SW1P 3JR (email: InformationRequests@defra.gov.uk) and he will arrange for an internal review of your case. Details of Defra's complaints procedure are on our [website](#).

If you are not content with the outcome of the internal review, section 50 of the FOIA and regulation 18 of the EIRs gives you the right to apply directly to the Information Commissioner's Office (ICO) for a decision. Please note that generally the ICO cannot make a decision unless you have first exhausted Defra's own complaints procedure. The ICO can be contacted at:

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