PLANT HEALTH SAFETY
THE FRENCH ORGANIZATION
PLANT HEALTH IS ASSURED

**BY INTERNATIONAL REGULATIONS**

The International Plant Protection Convention:

- facilitates international cooperation for the control of plant pests;
- prevents the spread of pests internationally.

It provides for the implementation of the necessary measures by countries signing the convention to prevent:

- the spread of plant pests;
- the introduction of pests on plants and plant products.

**BY EUROPEAN REGULATIONS**

The main EU directives:

- Plant health: 2000/29/EC and related decisions on emergency measures
- Use of pesticides compatible with sustainable development: 2009/128/EC
- Marketing of propagating material: around ten directives such as 2008/90/EC and its implementing directives 2014/98/EU, 2014/97/EU and 2014/96/EU (for fruit plants), 2002/56/EC (for seed potatoes)

The above regulations are controlled, and fine-tuned where necessary, by the individual Member States.

**BY FRENCH REGULATIONS**

The Ministry of Agriculture and Food

Whose organisation is dedicated to plant quality and protection, can rely on the skills of government officers:

- **45 staff** in the General Directorate of Food (DGAL)
- **350 inspectors** in regional food departments
- A network of **16 expert referents** per sector and/or skill area

A network of laboratories for risk assessment and analysis, with:

- The national reference laboratory: the plant health laboratory of the French Agency for Food, Environmental and Occupational Health & Safety (ANSES). The laboratory has 80 staff based in 6 facilities, one of which is a quarantine station. In this laboratory every discipline relevant to plant health is represented: bacteriology, virology, entomology, mycology and nematology.
- **25 laboratories** approved by the Ministry for pest detection testing.
- **9 laboratories** approved by the Ministry for residue testing.
Regional departments, reference laboratories and EU entry points: a nationwide network
# THE PLANT SURVEILLANCE AND CONTROL PLAN

## PLANT HEALTH

- **7,000** producers
- **1,200** Non-producing distributors
  - Inspected annually
- **4,600** inspections conducted in connection with issuance of European Plant Passports under the regulations governing circulation of plants in the EU
- **4,300** observers represent the nationwide biological surveillance network
- **14,000** parcels under observation
- **3,400** plant health bulletins published each year

## PLANT PROTECTION PRODUCTS

- **6,450** inspections of plant protection products are carried out for oversight of users
- **650** inspections at the distribution stage

## CONTROLS ON IMPORTED PLANTS:

- **47,000** batches of plants and plant products from third countries inspected, of which:
  - **687** batches are rejected

## CERTIFICATION OF PLANTS FOR EXPORT:

- **74,000** phytosanitary certificates every year:
  - **20%** seed stock
  - **6%** seeds for consumption and processing
  - **18%** fruit & vegetables
  - **3%** plants for planting (including tubers and bulbs)

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*source: DGAL – 2017*