At the meeting of the Standing Committee for Plant Animals Food and Feed – Section Plant Health, on 19-20 May 2022, the Commission presented a draft Regulation for amendment of special import requirements for *Thaumatobia leucotreta* on citrus fruits, peppers, peaches and pomegranates together with the comments submitted by the countries concerned regarding the feasibility of those measures. Further to the discussion in the Committee, the Commission presented a revised draft to the Committee on 25 May 2022. During that meeting, a qualified majority of Member States voted in favour of the revised text, followed by the Commission adoption and publication on 21 June 2022. The import requirements for oranges include different options of cold treatment, as part of a combination of measures, able to provide the appropriate level of protection for the Union against the pest. The requirement for a cold treatment between -1°C and 0°C for 16 days is amongst those options.

The measures included in that Regulation aim at an increased protection of the Union against the pest, which will help avoid additional pressure on the European agriculture due to new plant pests, and contribute to a more sustainable production capacity as described in the Farm to Fork Strategy.

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2. [https://ec.europa.eu/food/horizontal-topics/farm-fork-strategy_en](https://ec.europa.eu/food/horizontal-topics/farm-fork-strategy_en)