

Mini data sheet on *Stocky prune nepovirus*

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**Reasons for deletion:**

*Stocky prune nepovirus* has been included in EPPO Alert List for more than 3 years and during this period no particular international action was requested by the EPPO member countries. In 2000, it was therefore considered that sufficient alert has been given and the pest was deleted from the Alert List.

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Why	Stocky prune nepovirus came to our attention, as it was recently characterized as a new nepovirus affecting plums in France (but the disease has been observed for many years).
Where	In several regions of south-western France.
On which plants	Plums ( <i>Prunus domestica</i> ), particularly Prune d'Ente (used for dried prune production).
Possible identity	A previously unknown virus is associated with the disease, it has been characterized and the name stocky prune nepovirus has tentatively been proposed. Before, it had been diversely named: stocky prune disease, dégénérescence du Prunier d'Ente, maladie du prunier stérile, maladie des pruniers mâles, maladie de Brugères.
Transmission	Epidemiological observations indicates that a soil-borne virus could be responsible of the disease.
Damage	Shortened internodes in spring, chlorotic and rolled leaves, small fruits which drop rapidly.
Pathway	Plum plants for planting and soil from areas in France where it occurs.
Possible risks	Plum is an important fruit crop in Europe. However, this disease has both a limited impact and a limited geographical distribution.
Source(s)	Candresse, T.; Desvignes, J.C.; Delbos, R.P.; LeGall, O.; Dunez, J. (1997) Characterization of stocky prune virus, a new nepovirus detected in French plums. Abstract of a paper presented at the ISHS XVII International Symposium on virus diseases of fruit trees, Bethesda, US, 1997-06-23/27, p 112-113.
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