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**Grapholita libertina (Lepidoptera: Tortricidae)**

**Fruit pathway:** eggs are on berries and larvae bore into berries (for *Vaccinium vitis-idaea*, Hillier, 2002).

**Other pathways:** possibly soil; the pest overwinters in pre-pupa stage on the ground (Hillier, 2002).

**Hosts:** *Vaccinium vitis-idaea*, *V. macrocarpon* (Dixon and Hillier, 2003, Hillier et al., 2004). Possibly others (California, where *G. libertina* was recorded, is not part of the geographical range of *V. vitis-idaea*).

**Distribution:** North America: Canada (Newfoundland; Dixon and Hillier, 2003). Hillier (2002) mentions that the pest was also reported in Canada from British Columbia and Nova Scotia, and in the USA from California, New Jersey and Maine, and is therefore probably more widely distributed than only these records.

**Damage:** The pest causes direct damage to fruit. Each larva damages approximately 10 berries (Hillier, 2002). *G. libertina* is a pest of lingonberry in Newfoundland, affecting domestic and export markets (Morris et al., 1988; Penhallegon, 2006).

<b>Recorded impact:</b> Moderate	<b>Intercepted:</b> Not known	<b>Spreading/invasive:</b> Not known
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