

*Epicauta vittata***Extracts of reports of EPPO Meetings**

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33rd Meeting of the Panel on Phytosanitary Measures (Paris, OIE, 2001-01-23/26)

8. Potential EPPO quarantine pests

8.5.12 *Epicauta vittata* (01/8520)

A report of pest risk assessment prepared by Mr Casteels in Belgium was presented to the Panel. The author concluded that this pest was not particularly significant on potatoes. Larvae did not feed on potato and there were doubts on whether it was likely to be carried as adults in consignments of potato tubers. The probability of entry was rather low. Mr Pemberton noted that measures against *Phyllophaga* spp. would eliminate *E. vittata*. He supported the author's conclusion that it was not necessary to add this pest.

6th meeting of the Panel on European Phytosanitary Measures for Potato (Bratislava, Slovakia, 2001-02-20/22)

4. Draft commodity standard

4.2 Candidates quarantine pests of potato

The Panel studied several candidates for the quarantine lists, taking into account the opinion already expressed by the Panel on Phytosanitary Measures in January.

Epicauta vittata: a pest risk assessment had been prepared by Mr Casteels in Belgium, who concluded that this pest should not be proposed as a quarantine pest. The Panel on Phytosanitary Measures had agreed with this conclusion and the present Panel also agreed. *E. vittata* was not proposed for addition to the A1 list.

¹ formerly called *Specific Quarantine Requirements (SQR)*