

IUCN guide to the EU Regulation on Invasive Alien Species

1143/2014

Regulation applies to:

All invasive alien species (IAS)*

- Introduced outside natural range
- Live specimens that may reproduce
- Adversely impact biodiversity and related ecosystem services

Listing criteria:

- Alien to the Union (exc. outer regions)
- Capable of establishing & spreading in
 2 Member States or 1 marine region
- Adverse impacts to biodiversity & ecosystem services
- Risk Assessment shows concerted action at Union level required
- Inclusion on the Union List will effectively prevent, minimise or mitigate impacts

Prevention measures

Emergency measures

- For IAS of imminent risk of introduction not on *Union List*
- IAS need to likely meet criteria for inclusion on Union list
- Member States (MS) may apply temporary *Restrictions*
- MS must notify Commission to decide if apply EU wide
- MS must carry out Risk Assessment and submit for inclusion on *Union List*

IAS of Member State/regional concern

- MS may establish a national list of IAS and apply Restrictions and other measures at national level
- For IAS that require enhanced regional co-operation MS may request Commission to require MS concerned to apply the following measures:
 - Action plans, Surveillance, Early detection, Rapid eradication, Management, and Restoration

* Regulation 1143/2014 scope excludes:

- Species that expand range without human intervention
- Non-native species covered by other EU legislation

List of IAS of Union concern

'Union List' = 66 species

2016 = 37 species listed (23 animals and 14 plants)

2017 = 12 species listed (3 animals and 9 plants)

2019 = 17 species listed (4 animals and 13 plants)

Early detection and rapid eradication

Surveillance

MS establish a surveillance system for IAS of Union concern

 Needs to able to rapidly detect new introductions

Controls

 MS have in place risk-based controls to goods imported to verify they are not on the Union List or are covered by a valid Permit

Prevention measures

Restrictions

IAS of Union concern shall not intentionally be; brought into the Union, kept, bred, transported, sold, used or exchanged, permitted to reproduce, grown or cultivated, released into the environment

Permits

 Permits issued by MS allowing for research or exsitu conservation activities

Action plans

- Pathways analysis of unintentional introduction for IAS of Union concern
- Pathway action plans implemented for priority pathways (within 3 years of adoption)

Authorisations

- In exceptional cases for reasons of compelling public interest (incl. social or economic) MS may permit activities
- Authorisation required from Commission

Management of widespread IAS

Management

- MS have in place effective management measures for IAS of Union concern that are widespread in their territory (18 mo. of adoption)
- Based on costbenefit analysis

Restoration

- MS carry out restoration to assist ecosystem recovery degraded by IAS of Union concern
- Based on costbenefit analysis

Early detection notification to EC

Rapid eradication



• Methods used with due regard to human health, environment and animal welfare

Derogations



- Within 2 months of detection, MS may not eradicate if one of the following apply:
 - Technically unfeasible
 - Cost-benefit analysis show costs disproportionate to benefits
- Eradication methods not available or have serious impacts to human health or environment
- Can be rejected by Commission within 2 months