



Ministry of Agriculture, Nature and
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PEST REPORT - THE NETHERLANDS

First finding of *Otiorhynchus armatus* on *Ligustrum* sp. and *Eriopotrya japonica* in a nursery in The Netherlands

Introduction

This report concerns the first official finding of *Otiorhynchus armatus* (Strawberry root weevil) in *Ligustrum* sp. and *Eriopotrya japonica* in a nursery in the Netherlands. The species has been found on indoor and outdoor grown plants. The origin of the finding is unknown, but the pest may have been introduced by trade of planting material since the grower frequently import plants from southern Europe where the pest is present. The organism is not listed as a harmful organism in the EU directive 2000/29/EC and is not listed on the EPPO Alert List.

Geographical distribution in Europe:

Belgium, Croatia, France, Greece, Italy, Germany, Sweden, Switzerland

Pest status in the Netherlands: Present

Host plant range: Polyphagous

Pest significance Damage is reported in *Fragaria* and *Vitis* on leaves and roots and in tree nurseries. *O. armatus* causes the same damage on trees and shrubs as other, domestic *Otiorhynchus* species and can be controlled in the same way. Infested plants will not die but loss in ornamental value may occur.

References:- NPPO The Netherlands