

**To:** All professional operators, importers and exporters of plants, plant products and second hand machinery

## **Subject:** Update on the export of plants and plant products to Great Britain from January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2021 and amendment to Trader Notice No. 10 of 2020

On January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2021 the United Kingdom will become a Third Country (non-EU) and the requirements for the trade of plants, plant products and second hand machinery will change.

Under the terms of the Protocol on Ireland and Northern Ireland trade between Ireland and Northern Ireland will be unaffected and can continue as it does currently.

All exports of regulated plants, plant products and second hand machinery from Ireland to Great Britain will require phytosanitary certification. As such we encourage all exporters of plants, plant products and second hand machinery to familiarise themselves with the procedures as laid out within this notice.

### **Registration:**

- If you are exporting plants, plant products or second hand machinery from Ireland or intend to export plants, plant products to Great Britain from January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2021 you are required to register with DAFM
- Registration can be completed by completing the steps outlined on our website: <https://www.gov.ie/en/publication/6d8a1-registration/>
- If you are already registered with DAFM and have received a Plant Health Registration Number you can check or update your registration for exports by contacting: [plantandpests@agriculture.gov.ie](mailto:plantandpests@agriculture.gov.ie)

### **Phytosanitary Certification Requirements:**

- The UK Government have outlined the phytosanitary requirements for the import of plants, plant products and second hand machinery from the EU
- These requirements are available on the UK Government website at: <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/importing-and-exporting-plants-and-plant-products-from-1-january-2021>
- These requirements indicate a phytosanitary certificate will be required from January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2021 for the following goods:
  - All plants for planting
  - Ware potatoes
  - Some seed and other plant/forest reproductive material
  - Some wood and wood products
  - Used agricultural or forestry machinery

- These requirements also indicate a phytosanitary certificate will be required from April 1<sup>st</sup>, 2021 for all regulated plants and plant products including:
  - Root and tubercle vegetables
  - Common fruits
  - Cut flowers
  - Cut foliage
  - Seeds
  - Leafy vegetables

#### **Application process for phytosanitary certificates:**

- Once registered with DAFM you will receive a Plant Health Registration Number
- Contact the UK National Plant Protection Organisation (NPPO) to confirm the phytosanitary requirements for your plants, plant product or second hand machinery
- Send details of the consignment requesting phytosanitary requirements for genus and species to: [UKNPPO@defra.gov.uk](mailto:UKNPPO@defra.gov.uk)
- Receive an email back which will confirm phytosanitary requirements
- The written declaration from the UK NPPO can be used for all subsequent applications of the same genus, species or type of export
- Access DAFM's Export Certification System (ECS) via DAFM website: <https://publicapps.agriculture.gov.ie/ecs-ui/#/captcha>
- Select phytosanitary plant & horticulture certificate
- Insert all relevant details of consignment and upload email from UK NPPO to application
- Submit application **14 days** in advance of export of consignment (for potential pre inspection and testing requirements)
- Once you submit your application you will receive an email confirming application and confirming your ECS application reference number
- Please quote this reference number in all correspondence with DAFM relating to your application
- Issues with applications can be sent to [plantandpests@agriculture.gov.ie](mailto:plantandpests@agriculture.gov.ie)
- User guide for ECS application is available in webinar on Teagasc website: <https://www.teagasc.ie/crops/horticulture/plant-health/brexit-preparations-for-plant-exporters-webinar/>
- Plant Health Inspector will contact you after submission of application to arrange inspection
- Once you receive the scanned copy of the phytosanitary certificate send this to your customer in Great Britain as they will need to submit this as part of pre-notification process
- Once you receive the original phytosanitary certificate via post, retain the duplicate for your records and post the original to your UK customer who will send it to UK NPPO (DEFRA)
- Please note incomplete applications cannot be processed and will be rejected
- Phytosanitary certificates cannot be issued retrospectively and must be applied for **14 days** in advance of export
- A full list of procedures related to exports is available on our website: <https://www.gov.ie/en/publication/f9273-trading-in-plants-and-plant-products-with-the-uk/#procedures-for-export-of-plant-and-plant-products>

#### **Trader Notice No. 10 of 2020:**

- Trader Notice No. 10 of 2020 has been updated and amended since its publication on the 30<sup>th</sup> of November, 2020.
- The revised Trader Notice No. 10 of 2020 is available on our website: <https://www.gov.ie/en/collection/e366e-trader-notices/#2020>

In the event that you have any queries in relation to this matter, please contact this office either by e-mailing [plantandpests@agriculture.gov.ie](mailto:plantandpests@agriculture.gov.ie) or alternatively by telephone (01)5058885.

Yours sincerely

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