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To: All registered importers and exporters of plants, plant products and second hand or used machinery.

Subject: Import and export requirements for second hand or used machinery



Bio-security Risk

Any second hand or used machinery which has soil, organic matter or plant debris attached and is being imported into Ireland, from any country, poses a bio-security risk. The soil, organic matter or plant debris which can be attached to this machinery may contain harmful bacteria, diseases and pests.

These plant pests pose a risk not only to Ireland's bio-diversity and native species but also to your farm, nursery or business. Outbreaks of plant pests can result in loss of yields, significant crop damage or failure, and have a severe impact on your business.

DO: insist on all second hand machinery you are buying to be clean and as new, regardless of where it is coming from

DO: ask for written confirmation or certification as required from your supplier to ensure the machinery is clean and has been inspected

DO: clean and disinfect all second hand machinery prior to first use

DON'T: use machinery which has soil or organic matter attached until it has been thoroughly cleaned and the soil/debris disposed of in a responsible manner



Plant Health Requirements

In accordance with EU Plant Health legislation, any used or second hand machinery being imported into Ireland from any country [including EU Member States and Third Countries (non-EU)] is required to be clean, free of soil, plant debris or organic matter.

Any used or second hand machinery being imported which is in contravention of these requirements poses a bio-security risk and as such may be subject to controls by the Department of Agriculture, Food and the Marine (DAFM). These controls are necessary to protect Ireland's plant health status and bio-security. These controls can result in measures to prevent this bio-security risk.

These measures can include:

- Refusal of entry to the state
- Re-export (at the cost of the operator)
- Destruction (at the cost of the operator)
- Cleaning/Disinfection (at the cost of the operator)

It is imperative that all industry stakeholders including farmers, nurseries, forestry operators, machinery dealers and businesses demand that all used or second hand machinery is clean, free of soil, plant debris and organic matter and thereby protect Ireland's bio-security and the bio-security of their enterprise.

Regulated Second Hand and Used Machinery



Second hand and used machinery which is regulated from a plant health perspective includes, but is not limited to, the following:

- Machinery and vehicles operated for agricultural purposes
- Machinery and vehicles operated for horticultural purposes
- Machinery and vehicles operated for forestry purposes
- Machinery and vehicles operated for soil preparation
- Machinery and vehicles operated for soil cultivation
- Ploughs, harrows, scarifiers, rollers and cultivators
- Weeders, hoes, seeders, planters and transplanters
- Spreaders, manure spreaders and fertiliser spreaders
- Mowers, straw and fodder balers and pick-up balers
- Combine harvesters and threshers
- Harvesters including root and tuber harvesters
- Tractors and
- Other machinery used for the purposes prescribed above

Regardless of the prior use of the machinery it is a legal requirement that the machinery is clean, free of soil, organic matter and plant debris.

Import of second hand or used machinery

If you are importing used or second hand machinery into Ireland from a country outside of the EU there are specific requirements:

- You need to be registered with DAFM
- You need to be registered with TRACES NT (EU Import Notification System)
- The machinery is required to be accompanied by a phytosanitary certificate
- You need to notify DAFM 24 hours in advance of arrival
- More information is available at:
<https://www.gov.ie/en/publication/f9273-trading-in-plants-and-plant-products-with-the-uk/>
Or contact plantimports@agriculture.gov.ie

Export of second hand or used machinery

If you are exporting second hand or used machinery to a country outside of the EU (including Great Britain) there are special requirements:

- You need to be registered with DAFM
- You need to apply for a phytosanitary certificate
- The machinery needs to be inspected
- More information is available at:
<https://www.gov.ie/en/publication/f9273-trading-in-plants-and-plant-products-with-the-uk/#procedures-for-export-of-plant-and-plant-products>
Or contact plantexports@agriculture.gov.ie

Any questions in relation to this notice may be directed by email to plantexports@agriculture.gov.ie or by telephone at (01)5058885.

Yours sincerely

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