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

Subject: Changes to the phytosanitary requirements for exports of plants and plant products to Great Britain (GB)

The UK Government recently announced a revised timetable for the introduction of Sanitary and Phytosanitary (SPS) requirements and controls for exports from EU Member States into GB.

In relation to **Plants and Plant Products**, please note the following changes:

- **Prior to January 1st 2022 only those regulated plants and plant products on the UK High Priority list require a phytosanitary certificate and pre-notification**
 - Since January 1st 2021 (Phase 1), all High Priority plants and plant products require a phytosanitary certificate and pre-notification for export to GB and this requirement **remains unchanged** going forward
 - High Priority plants and plant products includes all plants for planting, ware potatoes, second hand machinery and some seeds (See Annex)
 - Checks on High Priority plants and plant products due to take place at Border Control Posts (BCPs) in GB from July 1st 2021 will continue to be checked at Places of Destination until **January 1st 2022**
- **The requirement for a phytosanitary certificate for all other regulated plants and plant products has been deferred from April 1st 2021 until January 1st 2022**
 - All other regulated plants and plant products includes most fruits, vegetables, cut foliage, flowers and most seeds
 - A full list of all regulated plants, plant products and other objects requiring a phytosanitary certificate as from January 1st 2022 (Phase 2) can be accessed via the link below

Further information regarding the requirements for exports of plants, plant products and second hand machinery is available on the UK Government website:

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/import-plants-and-plant-products-from-the-eu-to-great-britain-and-northern-ireland>

Please note these changes only apply to trade from Ireland/EU to GB and do not affect trade between Ireland and Northern Ireland. This trade is covered by the Protocol on Ireland / Northern Ireland as part of the Withdrawal Agreement and will continue as it does currently with no new checks or controls being applied to goods moving between Ireland and Northern Ireland in either direction.

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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Annex

UK list of High Priority plants and plant products requiring a phytosanitary certificate and pre-notification since January 1st 2021

Type	Plant / Product	Common name(s)
Machinery and vehicles	Machinery and vehicles which have been operated for agricultural or forestry purposes	Agricultural machinery and vehicles
Plants for planting	Plants for planting, other than seeds	All plants for planting
Potatoes	Tubers of <i>Solanum tuberosum</i> L. intended for planting	Seed potatoes
Potatoes	Tubers of <i>Solanum tuberosum</i> L.	Ware potatoes
Seed	Seeds of <i>Castanea</i>	Chestnut seed
Seed	Seeds of <i>Capsicum</i> spp. L., <i>Solanum lycopersicum</i> L.,	Chilli and tomato seed
Seed	Seeds of <i>Solanum tuberosum</i> L.	Potato seed
Seed	Seed of <i>Helianthus annuus</i> L., <i>Medicago sativa</i> L., <i>Allium cepa</i> L., <i>Allium porrum</i> L., <i>Phaseolus cocineus</i> ., <i>Phaseolus vulgaris</i> L.	Sunflower seed; Alfalfa seed; Onion seed, Leek seed; Runner bean seed; French bean seed
Seed	Vegetable seeds of <i>Pisum sativum</i> L. and <i>Vicia faba</i> L.	Green pea seed; broad bean seed
Seed	Seeds of oil and fibre plants of <i>Brassica napus</i> L. <i>Brassica rapa</i> L., <i>Sinapis alba</i> L.	Rapeseed; White mustard seed
Seed	Seeds of oil and fibre plants of <i>Glycine max</i> (L.) Merrill and <i>Linum usitatissimum</i> L.	Soybean seed; flax seed or linseed
Plant parts	Cut trees/branches of Conifers (<i>Pinales</i>) over 3m	Conifer cut trees/branches