

TRADER NOTICE No. 11 of 2021

5 November 2021

To: All Professional Operators

Subject: Request to use attached form for notification of certain high risk plants arriving from other Member States

Earlier this year, the Department introduced new legislation requiring notification of the arrival of certain plants and plant products from other European Member States. The requirements set down in European Union (Plant Health Controls) Regulations 2021 (S.I. no. 310 of 2021) were explained in Trader Notice 10 of 2021 (attached).

The new notification requirements are part of the Department's strict plant health regime and are necessary to protect Ireland's favourable plant health status. Many plant pests and diseases found elsewhere are still not present in Ireland. The purpose of the notification is to facilitate inspections by DAFM on a risk basis and to enable speedy traceability in the event of an outbreak. Information contained in the notification is used as part of the risk assessment process and operators are requested to make sure that all required information is included.

The attached template form has been prepared to make the notification process easier for operators. When notifying DAFM of the arrival of the affected plant species, please complete and return the form to plantandpests@agriculture.gov.ie or post it to:

Horticulture & Plant Health Division, Department of Agriculture, Food and the Marine, Backweston Administration Building, Backweston Campus, Celbridge, Co. Kildare, W23 X3PH

Your continued assistance is essential to ensuring proper surveillance of trade in these species and early detection of pests and diseases. If you have any queries in relation to the above, please email plantandpests@agriculture.gov.ie or phone (01) 505 8885.

Yours sincerely

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