



16<sup>th</sup> February 2023

**TRADER NOTICE FH No. 1 of 2023**

To: All registered professional forestry operators

**Subject: Annual Update of Professional Forestry Operator Information**

In accordance with Article 66(5) of Plant Health Regulation (EU) 2016/2031, Professional operators **must notify** this Department of any change to the details of their registration on the Official Register of Professional Operators.

There are two updates required:

1. Any change to the name, address and contact details of a professional operator.
2. Any other amendments including but not limited to commodity types, species of plants must be updated annually to the Department.

If the details provided have not changed, please follow the link below and submit a nil return.

The deadline to provide the annual update is: 10<sup>th</sup> March 2023

To respond to this Notice, please access the **2023 Forest Health Professional Operator Update form** at the following link: <https://ec.europa.eu/eusurvey/runner/3a886cbe-2917-7026-ad99-ad274d3f836e>

If you have any issues accessing the link or require a hard copy form, please email [forestprotection@agriculture.gov.ie](mailto:forestprotection@agriculture.gov.ie), or ring (01) 6072651 to request a form.

Please note the following:

- It is a legislative requirement that this update is submitted annually to the Department.
- Any changes to 1 or 2 above must be notified immediately and from this day forward **within 30 days of the change occurring**.
- If you are no longer involved in activities which require registration as a professional operator, please email the Department at the address below, so that you can be removed from the register.
- Professional operators are reminded that a separate authorisation process is required if they wish to issue plant passports. More information about the application process can be found at [gov.ie](http://gov.ie) - [Forest Health \(www.gov.ie\)](http://gov.ie)

If you have any queries in relation to the above, please email [forestprotection@agriculture.gov.ie](mailto:forestprotection@agriculture.gov.ie) or phone at (01) 6072651.

Yours sincerely

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