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**To:** All importers and exporters of plants and plant produce between Ireland and the United Kingdom

## **Subject:** Requirements for the import and export of plants and plant produce with the United Kingdom post Brexit.

The United Kingdom formally left the EU on 1 February 2020, following agreement between the EU and the UK on the Withdrawal Agreement and revised Protocol on Ireland/Northern Ireland. The UK is now in a transition period, effectively maintaining the status quo until the end of 2020.

From 1 January 2021 the UK will become a 'Third Country' (non-EU Member State) and EU plant health rules in the area of intra-Union trade in plants and plant products will no longer apply to the UK. Importers and exporters of plants and plant products, will have to comply with new customs and regulatory requirements. From a regulatory point of view, new sanitary and phytosanitary (SPS) requirements in the form of documentary, identity and physical checks on trade of plants and plant products, as set out in EU legislation, will be applied to trade with Great Britain.

Therefore, from the 1st January 2021 importers and exporters of plants and plant products will be required to be registered with the Horticulture and Plant Health Division of the Department of Agriculture, Food and the Marine and to follow the appropriate procedures published on the Department's website when importing or exporting plants or plant produce.

For further information on registration, importing and exporting of plants and plant produce from and to the UK please go to <https://www.agriculture.gov.ie/farmingsectors/planthealthtrade/brexit/>

We encourage you to contact your suppliers to inform them of the contents of this Trader Notice. In the event that you have any queries in relation to this matter, please contact this office either by emailing [plantandpests@agriculture.gov.ie](mailto:plantandpests@agriculture.gov.ie) or alternatively by telephone (01) 5058885.

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