

TRADER NOTICE No. 9 OF 2019

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To: All traders of Quercus plants

## Subject: Changes to Regulation regarding the Import of Quercus sp.

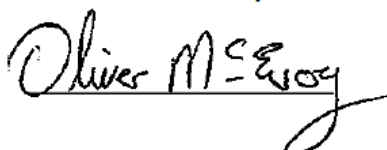
Ireland has a Protected Zone for *Thaumetopoea processionea* (Oak Processionary Moth). From 14 December 2019, the Protected Zone (PZ) requirements for *Thaumetopoea processionea* will be strengthened vis-à-vis the current requirements. As part of the new plant health Implementing Regulations plants for planting of Quercus L, other than Quercus suber, with a girth of at least 8cm measured at a height of 1.2m above the root collar must comply with the following:

- a) the plants have been grown throughout their life in places of production in countries where *Thaumetopoea processionea* L. is not known to occur, or
- b) the plants have been grown throughout their life in an area free from *Thaumetopoea processionea* L. established by the National Plant Protection Organisation in accordance with relevant International Standards for Phytosanitary Measures, or
- c) the plants have been grown throughout their life in a site with complete physical protection against the introduction of *Thaumetopoea processionea* L. and have been inspected at appropriate times and found to be free from *Thaumetopoea processionea* L.

The Netherlands has informed Ireland that they cannot meet these requirements and in practice this means that export from the Netherlands to Ireland of Quercus plants for planting with a girth of at least 8 cm measured at 1,2m above the root collar will no longer be possible as of 14 December 2019. The import of Quercus plants for planting into Ireland from the Netherlands, which are below the 8cm girth at 1.2m will not be affected.

In the event that you have any queries in relation to this matter, please contact DAFM by emailing [plantandpests@agriculture.gov.ie](mailto:plantandpests@agriculture.gov.ie) or alternatively by telephone (01) 5058885.

Yours sincerely



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