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To: All registered importers of plants, plant produce and used machinery

Subject: Change of requirements for the importation of certain plant produce and used machinery into the Community under Annex V of Council Directive 2000/29/EC.

With effect from 1st September 2019, procedures for the importation of certain plant produce and used machinery entering the Union from third countries will be revised.

From the above date, and in addition to existing requirements to obtain a Colorado Beetle (importation) Licence, all importations into the Union of Grapes, Kiwi fruit, Strawberry's, Papaya, Rubus (Raspberries etc.), Avocado and used agricultural and forestry machinery will require to be accompanied by a phytosanitary certificate issued by the National Plant Protection Organisation (NPPO) of the Country of origin.

In addition fruits that were not previously regulated from European countries that are not members of the EU will become regulated (Custard apples, Quince, Persimmons, Apples, Mangoes, Passion fruit, Prunus, Guava, Pears, Ribes, Syzygium, and Vaccinium).

The new regulations for used machinery which have been operated for agricultural or forestry purposes require that, prior to export, the equipment is cleaned to remove any soil or plant debris. It must then be subject to an official inspection by the exporting country's National Plant Protection Organisation to certify, by issuance of a phytosanitary certificate, that it complies with EU import requirements.

These new requirements are set out under Commission Implementing Directive (EU) 2019/523 of the 21 March 2019 amending Council Directive 2000/29/EC on protective measures against the introduction into the Community of organisms harmful to plant or plant products and against their spread within the Community.

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

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