

TRADER NOTICE No. 4 of 2019; 03rd April 2019**To: All traders of plant and plant produce between Ireland and the United Kingdom****Subject: Requirements for the trade of plants and plant produce with United Kingdom post Brexit.**

The United Kingdom submitted on 29 March 2017 the notification of its intention to withdraw from the Union pursuant to Article 50 of the Treaty on European Union. This means that, unless a ratified withdrawal agreement establishes another date, all Union primary and secondary law will cease to apply to the UK from 12 April 2019, 00:00h (CET) ('the withdrawal date'). The UK will then become a non-EU or 'third country'.

Subject to any transitional arrangement that may be contained in a possible withdrawal agreement, as of the withdrawal date, the EU plant health rules in the field of intra-Union trade in plants and plant products will no longer apply to the UK. This will mean that the UK (including the Channel Islands and the Isle of Man) with regard to 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 will be regarded as a third country.

Therefore from the withdrawal date traders of certain 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 steps necessary to allow these consignments and their accompanying documents to be inspected as required.

For further information on registration and trade of plants and plant produce with 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 or alternatively by telephone (01)5058885.

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