

**TRADER NOTICE No. 7 OF 2017**

**To: All nurseries registered to issue plant passports**

**Subject: Change of requirements for exporting plants, intended for planting, of  
*Prunus L* to the UK from 1 January 2018**

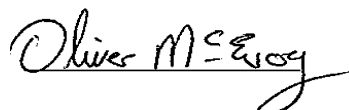
With effect from 1<sup>st</sup> January 2018, the UK will have a protected zone status for *Xanthomonas arboricola pv. Pruni*. This means that plants of *Prunus L*, intended for planting, must fulfil certain conditions such as coming from another protected zone or pest free area.

Currently Ireland does not have a Protected Zone for *Xanthomonas arboricola pv. Prun*. Ireland has requested to be recognised as a Pest Free Area for this organism with a view to achieving PZ status in two years time, following DAFM official survey for next 2 seasons. The UK and Commission are agreeable to this approach.

From 1<sup>st</sup> January 2018, plants, intended for planting, of *Prunus L*. moving from Ireland to the UK must be accompanied with a valid plant passport with the **ZP b3** code. The EU requirements for Protected Zone ZP b3 are listed in Annex 1.

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.

Yours sincerely



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## Annex 1

### EU requirements for Protected Zone ZP b3

Pest/disease	Hosts and Requirements	ZP Code
<p><i>Xanthomonas arboricola pv pruni</i></p> <p>(Bacterial shot-hole of <i>Prunus</i>)</p>	<p>Plants of <i>Prunus</i> L., intended for planting, other than seeds:</p> <p>Official statement that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(a) the plants have been grown throughout their life in places of production in countries where <i>Xanthomonas arboricola pv pruni</i> is not known to occur, or</li> <li>(b) the plants have been grown throughout their life in an area free from <i>Xanthomonas arboricola pv pruni</i> established by the national plant protection organisation in accordance with relevant International Standards for Phytosanitary Measures, or</li> <li>(c) the plants have been derived in direct line from mother plants which have shown no symptoms of <i>Xanthomonas arboricola pv pruni</i> during the last complete cycle of vegetation, and no symptoms of <i>Xanthomonas arboricola pv pruni</i> have been observed on the plants at the place of production since the beginning of the last complete cycle of vegetation, or</li> <li>(d) the plants of <i>Prunus laurocerasus</i> and <i>Prunus lusitanica</i> for which there shall be evidence by their packing or by other means that they are intended for sale to final customers not involved in professional plant production no symptoms of <i>Xanthomonas arboricola pv pruni</i> have been observed on plants at the place of production since the beginning of the last complete growing season.</li> </ul>	<p>ZP b3</p>