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To: All registered importers of plants and plant produce

Subject: Change of requirements for the importation of certain plants and plant produce required under Commission Implementing Directive 2017/1279

With effect from 1st January 2018, requirements for the importation of certain plants and plant produce entering the Union from third countries will be revised. These new requirements are required under Commission Implementing Directive 2017/1279 (see attached).

From the above date, and in addition to requirements to obtain a Colorado Beetle (importation) Licence, all importations into the Union of the **fruits of *Solanum lycopersicum* L. originating in third countries and fruits of *Punica granatum* L. originating in countries of the African continent, Cape Verde, Saint Helena, Madagascar, La Reunion, Mauritius and Israel** will be required to be accompanied by a phytosanitary certificate issued by the National Plant Protection Organisation (NPPO) of the country of origin.

From 1st January 2018 Commission Implementing Directive 2017/1279 introduces a number of additional measures that particular consignments of plants and plant produce must comply with for import into the Union from third countries. In particular from the above date fruits of ***Citrus* L, *Prunus persica* L., *Capsicum* L. and *Solanum melongena* L.**, will be subject to additional protective measures to prevent the introduction into and the spread within the Community of organisms harmful to plants or plant products. These additional measures will be required to be cited on the accompanying phytosanitary certificate at import into the Union from third countries.

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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