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TRADER NOTICE No. 3 of 2016

To: All registered importers of plant and plant produce

Subject: Measures in respect of certain Citrus fruits originating in Brazil, South Africa and Uruguay - Commission Implementing Decision (EU) 2016/715.

Please see the attached Commission Implementing Decision (EU) 2016/715 which comes into force with immediate effect. Having 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 Community, the EU Commission has introduced new importation requirements in respect of certain citrus fruits originating in Brazil, South Africa, and Uruguay. Citrus fruits including Kumquats, Trifoliolate orange (and their hybrids) but not including Bitter orange/Marmalade orange or Persian lime, will be subject to additional protective measures to prevent the introduction into and the spread within the Union of *Phyllosticta citricarpa* formerly known as *Guignardia citricarpa* (Citrus black spot).

In relation to direct imports of certain Citrus fruits to Ireland from Brazil, South Africa and Uruguay your attention in particular is drawn to the following points:

- Imports from Brazil will be required to be accompanied by a phytosanitary certificate which complies with Article 4 of the Decision.
- Imports from South Africa and Uruguay will be required to be accompanied by a phytosanitary certificate which complies with Article 5 of the Decision.
- Article 6 (3) of the Decision details that if the presence of *Phyllosticta citricarpa* is confirmed, the batch from which the sample has been taken shall be subject to refusal of entry into the Union.

Note: The requirements set out in paragraph 3 of Trader Notice No. 2 of 2016 (copy attached) concerning Citrus imports from Uruguay, have been replaced by the requirements laid down in Article 5 of Decision 2016/715.

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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