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**TRADER NOTICE No. 2 of 2016**

**To: All registered importers of plant and plant produce**

**Subject: Commission Implementing Decision (EU) 2016/696.**

Please see the attached Commission Implementing Decision (EU) 2016/696 which comes into force with immediate effect.

This Decision means that Uruguay is no longer recognised by the European Union as a country free from *Guignardia citricarpa* (Citrus Black spot).

Therefore phytosanitary certificates for citrus imported directly to Ireland from Uruguay will be required to have the additional declarations (as per Annex IV of Directive 2000/29) 16.2, 16.3 as usual but for 16.4 they must state options (c) or (d) only. Options (a) and (b) are not allowed as these require that the country is recognised as free from or has areas recognised as free from *Guignardia citricarpa*.

The decision also removes the county of Lee in the United States as an area recognised as being free from *Guignardia citricarpa*.

The decision also removes the state of Louisiana in the United States as an area recognised as being free from *Xanthomonas campestris*.

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.

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