

TRADER NOTICE No. 7 OF 2015

To: All registered importers of plant and plant produce

Subject: Reintroduction of the system of fees for the inspection of plant and plant produce imported from Third Countries (non EU countries), as required under Article 13(d) of Directive 2000/29/EC

The Department of Agriculture, Food and the Marine (DAFM) are obliged, under Article 13(d) of Directive 2000/29/EC on protective measures against the introduction into the Community of organisms harmful to plants or plant products, to apply a system of charges for inspections carried out on regulated plant and plant products introduced into the State from Third Countries. A list of the plants and plant products which come under the remit of this Directive are listed in Annex A of this Notice.

With effect from the **1st September 2015**, all consignments of plants and plant products listed in Annex A of this notice entering the State from Third Countries will be subject to an Inspection Charge, based on the schedule of charges as set out in Annex B of this notice. The charge will apply to imported consignments arriving in both Dublin Port and Dublin Airport.

Application of Fees:

Each Inspection Charge comprises (a) documentary check fee, (b) an identity check fee and (c) a plant health check fee based on the volume/quantity of material as set out in Annex B of this Notice. Note: A consignment is defined as per Article 2(1) (p) of Directive 2000/29/EC.

“consignment shall be considered to mean: A quantity of goods being covered by a single document required for customs formalities or for other formalities, such as a single phytosanitary certificate or a single alternative document or mark; a consignment may be composed of one or more lots.”

Invoicing:

To reduce administrative burden, registered importers will be invoiced once in the second week of the month for all consignments inspected in the preceding calendar month, i.e. all inspections carried out in September 2015 will be the subject of an invoice issued by DAFM in the second week of October 2015.

Payment:

Details of the methods by which payments can be made shall accompany each invoice. A remittance slip will be provided with each invoice for your convenience. Please ensure that you quote your customer number, located at the top left of the invoice, together with the invoice number when completing the remittance slip.

Payment by cheque, draft or money order (in Euro only) should be made payable to:

The Accountant, Department of Agriculture, Food and the Marine

The remittance slip together with payment should be forwarded to:

The Cash Office, Accounts Division, Department of Agriculture, Food and the Marine, Farnham Road, Cavan, Co. Cavan.

Remittances should be sent to this address only. Failure to do so may result in delays in the registering of payments (see non payments below).

EFT/Credit/Debit Card Payments:

A facility to make payments by EFT or credit/debit card can only be made in accordance with a set protocol.

Information on payment by EFT can be obtained by contacting +353-(0)49-4368239

Details on payment by credit/debit Card can be obtained by contacting +353-(0)49-4352053.

Non-payments:

As provided for under Regulation 16(2) of SI 894 of 2004, the Department reserves the right to refuse to carry out inspections of plant and plant products where registered importers have failed to clear outstanding accounts within an eight-week period from the date of the relevant invoice date.

Phytosanitary Certificates:

Registered importers are reminded of the provisions of Trader Notice 4 of 2015 and specifically; the requirement of ensuring that the original Phytosanitary Certificate for each consignment is received by DAFM within **five working days** of DAFM issuing the associated Clearance Certificate. Failure to do so may result in delays to issuing of CB licences for subsequent import applications.

Queries

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.

The following are some examples of the fees that will be applicable based on the schedule set out in Annex B of this Notice.

Example 1:

Consignment comprises

Quantity	Description	Country of Origin
26,000kg	<i>Citrus Reticulata</i> (common name)Mandarin Oranges	Egypt

26,000kgs Total Weight for charging

Charge applicable

1	x Documentary check	€ 7.00
1	x Identity check	€14.00
	26,000kgs (€17.50 in respect of first 25,000kg + €0.70 x 1 (Units of 1,000kg over first 25,000kg of consignment)	€18.20

INSPECTION FEE €39.20

Example 2:

Consignment comprises

Quantity	Description	Country of Origin
100,000	<i>Carex Oshimensis</i> (bare root splits)	Sri Lanka

100,000 Total for charging

Charge applicable

1	x Documentary check	€ 7.00
1	x Identity check	€ 7.00
	100,000 = €17.50 in respect of first 10,000 + €0.70 x 90 (Units of 1,000 over first 10,000 of consignment)	€80.50

INSPECTION FEE €94.50

Example 3:

Consignment comprises

Quantity	Description	Country of Origin
280kgs	<i>Ocimum basilicum</i> (common name) Basil	India

280kgs Total Weight for charging

Charge applicable

1	x Documentary check	€ 7.00
1	x Identity check	€ 7.00
	280 kgs x €17.50 in respect of first 100kg + €1.75 x 18 (Units of 10kg over first 100kg Of consignment)	€49.00

INSPECTION FEE €63.00

Example 4:

Consignment comprises

Quantity	Description	Country of Origin
1000	Aquatic plants	Singapore

1000 plants **Total quantity for charging**

Charge applicable

1	x Documentary check	€ 7.00
1	x Identity check	€ 7.00
	€17.50 per consignment	€17.50
INSPECTION FEE		€31.50

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31st July 2015

Annex A

(Annex V of Directive 2000/29/EC) Part B

PLANTS, PLANT PRODUCTS AND OTHER OBJECTS ORIGINATING IN TERRITORIES, OTHER THAN THOSE TERRITORIES REFERRED TO IN PART A

I. Plants, plant products and other objects which are potential carriers of harmful organisms of relevance for the entire Community

1. Plants, intended for planting, other than seeds but including seeds of Cruciferae, Gramineae, *Trifolium* spp., originating in Argentina, Australia, Bolivia, Chile, New Zealand and Uruguay, genera *Triticum*, *Secale* and *X Triticosecale* from Afghanistan, India, Iran, Iraq, Mexico, Nepal, Pakistan, South Africa and the USA, *Citrus* L., *Fortunella* Swingle and *Poncirus* Raf., and their hybrids, *Capsicum* spp., *Helianthus annuus* L., *Solanum lycopersicum* L., *Medicago sativa* L., *Prunus* L., *Rubus* L., *Oryza* spp., *Zea mais* L., *Allium ascalonicum* L., *Allium cepa* L., *Allium porrum* L., *Allium schoenoprasum* L. and *Phaseolus* L.

2. Parts of plants, other than fruits and seeds, of:

— *Castanea* Mill., *Dendranthema* (DC.) Des Moul., *Dianthus* L., *Gypsophila* L., *Pelargonium* l'Herit. ex Ait, *Phoenix* spp., *Populus* L., *Quercus* L., *Solidago* L. and cut flowers of Orchidaceae,

— conifers (*Coniferales*),

— *Acer saccharum* Marsh., originating in the USA and Canada,

— *Prunus* L., originating in non-European countries,

— Cut flowers of *Aster* spp., *Eryngium* L., *Hypericum* L., *Lisianthus* L., *Rosa* L. and *Trachelium* L., originating in non-European countries,

— Leafy vegetables of *Apium graveolens* L., *Ocimum* L., *Limnophila* L. and *Eryngium* L.,

— Leaves of *Manihot esculenta* Crantz,

— Cut branches of *Betula* L. with or without foliage,

— Cut branches of *Fraxinus* L., *Juglans ailantifolia* Carr., *Juglans mandshurica* Maxim., *Ulmus davidiana* Planch. and *Pterocarya rhoifolia* Siebold & Zucc., with or without foliage, originating in Canada, China, Democratic People's Republic of Korea, Japan, Mongolia, Republic of Korea, Russia, Taiwan and USA,

— *Amiris* P. Browne, *Casimiroa* La Llave, *Citropsis* Swingle & Kellerman, *Eremocitrus* Swingle, *Esenbeckia* Kunth., *Glycosmis* Corrêa, *Merrillia* Swingle, *Naringi* Adans., *Tetradium* Lour., *Toddalia* Juss. and *Zanthoxylum* L.

2.1 Parts of plants, other than fruits but including seeds, of *Aegle* Corrêa, *Aeglopsis* Swingle, *Afraegle* Engl., *Atalantia* Corrêa, *Balsamocitrus* Stapf, *Burkillanthus* Swingle, *Calodendrum* Thunb., *Choisya* Kunth, *Clausena* Burm. f., *Limonia* L., *Microcitrus* Swingle, *Murraya* J. Koenig ex L., *Pamburus* Swingle, *Severinia* Ten., *Swinglea* Merr., *Triphasia* Lour and *Vepris* Comm.

3. Fruits of:

— *Citrus* L., *Fortunella* Swingle, *Poncirus* Raf., and their hybrids, *Momordica* L. and *Solanum melongena* L.

— *Annona* L., *Cydonia* Mill., *Diospyros* L., *Malus* Mill., *Mangifera* L., *Passiflora* L., *Prunus* L., *Psidium* L., *Pyrus* L., *Ribes* L. *Syzygium* Gaertn., and *Vaccinium* L., originating in non-European countries,

— *Capsicum* L.

4. Tubers of *Solanum tuberosum* L.

5. Grain of the genera *Triticum*, *Secale* and *X Triticosecale* originating in Afghanistan, India, Iran, Iraq, Mexico, Nepal, Pakistan, South Africa and the USA.

Annex B

Fees as set down in Article 13(d) of Council Regulation 2000/29/EC as amended

	Quantity	Price (€)
(a) for documentary checks	Per consignment	7
(b) for identity checks	Per consignment	
	— up to a size of a truck load, a railway wagon load or the load of a container of comparable size	7
	— bigger than the above size	14
(c) for plant health checks, in accordance with the following specifications:		
— cuttings, seedlings (except forestry reproductive material), young plants of strawberries or of vegetables	Per consignment	
	— up to 10 000 in number	17,5
	— for each additional 1 000 units (or pro rata)	0,7
	— maximum price	140
— shrubs, trees (other than cut Christmas trees), other woody nursery plants including forest reproductive material (other than seed)	Per consignment	
	— up to 1 000 in number	17,5
	— for each additional 100 units (or pro rata)	0,44
	— maximum price	140
— bulbs, corms, rhizomes, tubers, intended for planting (other than tubers of potatoes)	Per consignment	
	— up to 200 kg of weight	17,5
	— for each additional 10 kg (or pro rata)	0,16
	— maximum price	140
— seeds, tissue cultures	Per consignment	
	— up to 100 kg of weight	7,5
	— for each additional 10 kg (or pro rata)	0,175
	— maximum price	140
— other plants intended for planting, not specified elsewhere in this table	Per consignment	
	— up to 5 000 in number	17,5
	— for each additional 100 units (or pro rata)	0,18
	— maximum price	140
— cut flowers	Per consignment	
	— up to 20 000 in number	17,5
	— for each additional 1 000 units (or pro rata)	0,14
	— maximum price	140
— branches with foliage, parts of conifers (other than cut Christmas trees)	Per consignment	
	— up to 100 kg of weight	17,5
	— for each additional 100 kg (or pro rata)	1,75
	— maximum price	140
— cut Christmas trees	Per consignment	
	— up to 1 000 in number	17,5
	— for each additional 100 units (or pro rata)	1,75
	— maximum price	140
— leaves of plants, such as herbs, spices and leafy vegetables	Per consignment	
	— up to 100 kg of weight	17,5
	— for each additional 10 kg (or pro rata)	1,75
	— maximum price	140
— fruits, vegetables (other than leafy vegetables)	Per consignment	
	— up to 25 000 kg of weight	17,5
	— for each additional 1 000 kg (or pro rata)	0,7

	Quantity	Price (€)
— tubers of potatoes	Per lot up to 25 000 kg of weight	52,5
	— for each additional 25 000 kg (or pro rata)	52,5
— wood (other than bark)	Per consignment up to 100 m ³ of volume	17,5
	— for each additional m ³	0,175
— soil and growing medium, bark	Per consignment up to 25 000 kg of weight	17,5
	— for each additional 1 000 kg (or pro rata)	0,7
	— maximum price	140
— grain	Per consignment up to 25 000 kg of weight	17,5
	— for each additional 1 000 kg (or pro rata)	0,7
	— maximum price	700
— other plants or plant products not specified elsewhere in this table	Per consignment	17,5

Where a consignment does not consist exclusively of products coming under the description of the relevant indent, those parts thereof consisting of products coming under the description of the relevant indent (lot or lots) shall be treated as separate consignments.

Ends.